



## 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 666

December 18, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives SPRINGER, SKINDRUD, GRONEMUS, PLOUFF, HASENOHRL, MUSSER and GROTHMAN, cosponsored by Senators MOEN and DECKER. Referred to Committee on Rural Affairs.

- 1 **AN ACT relating to:** milk procurement fees, food warehouse fees, food processing  
2 plant fees and retail food establishment fees and making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection (DATCP) administers food safety laws. Among other things, DATCP licenses and inspects food warehouses, food processing plants, retail food establishments (such as grocery stores), dairy plants and dairy farms. DATCP's food safety activities are financed in part from fees paid by regulated entities and in part from general state funds. Current law authorizes DATCP to raise the fees by rule.

This bill increases the amount of general state funds appropriated to DATCP for its food safety program. This bill also prohibits DATCP from increasing the following fees before July 1, 1999:

1. Food warehouse fees.
2. Food processing plant fees.
3. Retail food establishment fees.
4. Milk procurement fees, which are imposed on dairy plant operators.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

