

2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 284

April 23, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives OTT, AINSWORTH, ALBERS, BIES, FREESE, GRONEMUS, GUNDERSON, HAHN, HINES, KERKMAN, KREIBICH, M. LEHMAN, PETROWSKI, PETTIS, PLOUFF, SERATTI, TOWNSEND and VRAKAS, cosponsored by Senators HARSDORF, BRESKE, KEDZIE, A. LASEE, SCHULTZ, STEPP, WELCH and ZIEN. Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 29.736 (1) (b), 95.60 (3m) and 95.60 (4s) (c); and *to repeal and*
 2 *recreate* 95.60 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** the requirement that operators
 3 of fish farms provide evidence of fish health and granting rule-making
 4 authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires a person who operates a fish farm to register annually the fish farm with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Current law also requires the operator of a fish farm to obtain annually a fish health certificate for any fish eggs present or any fish reared on the fish farm, except that an operator who does not sell, distribute, or release live fish or fish eggs may rely on the health certificate of the person from whom the operator obtained fish or fish eggs.

This bill eliminates the requirement to obtain a fish health certificate. The bill authorizes DATCP to promulgate rules that require a fish farm operator to provide any evidence of fish health that DATCP determines is necessary.

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

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

