



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 701

Assembly Amendment 1

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The *current statute* requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to regulate retail food establishments such as grocery stores, and for the Department of Health and Family Services to regulate restaurants.

Assembly Bill 701 requires the two agencies to prepare a plan to consolidate the separate food safety programs into a single food safety program. The agencies are given one year after the effective date of the legislation to complete the report and present it to the Legislature.

Assembly Amendment 1 requires the two agencies to appoint an advisory committee of individuals with an interest in food safety to provide information and advice in preparing the consolidation plan.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by the Committee on Agriculture on January 24, 2008. On January 25, 2008, the Committee on Agriculture recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of the bill, as amended, both by a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

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