



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Senate Bill 623

**Senate Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Beginning on July 1, 2009, the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) may not approve any new farmland preservation agreements. 2009 Senate Bill 623 allows the DATCP to approve applications that were submitted from January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, but not processed by the latter date.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 adds two provisions to the bill. First, it requires the DATCP to notify each person whose application is subject to the provisions of the bill to determine whether they remain interested in the application; applicants are given 90 days from receipt of the DATCP's notice to respond and, if they do not respond, lose the opportunity to pursue the application further.

Second, whereas the prior statute specified that farmland preservation agreements are for a term of from 10 to 25 years, the substitute amendment specifies that agreements approved under its provisions are for a term of 10 years.

Legislative History

On April 2, 2010, the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Higher Education voted to recommend adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1 and passage of Senate Bill 623, as amended by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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