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2011 SENATE BILL 496

February 21, 2012 - Introduced by Senator SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives NERISON, A. OTT, VRUWINK, TRANEL and SPANBAUER. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Higher Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 95.26 (1) and (2) and 95.49 (1); and *to amend* 95.49 (2) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** brucellosis testing of milk, cream, and cattle and
3 restrictions on moving or sale of American bison and other animal species.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (department) to conduct testing of milk and cream at dairy plants at regular intervals in order to identify and limit incidents of bovine brucellosis. If milk or cream tests positive for brucellosis, certain cattle and American bison must be subjected to blood tests for brucellosis. This testing requirement derives, in part, from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations; the USDA recently modified its regulations to eliminate the frequency of brucellosis testing in this state and other states in which no brucellosis has been identified for five or more years. This bill repeals the bovine brucellosis milk and cream and blood testing requirements.

Current law also prohibits, with certain exceptions, a person from moving or selling an American bison, or animal of another species identified by the department by rule, born on or after June 1, 1984, unless it is accompanied by a report of a complete negative brucellosis test conducted within 30 days prior to movement. This bill eliminates this prohibition.

