



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 254
[2011 Senate Bill 498]

DATCP's Pest Control Authority

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has broad authority related to the control of pests, including the authority to enter lands to inspect a suspected pest infestation, order the quarantine of infested property or material, order the owner of infested land to abate an infestation, and enter lands to abate an infestation. The authority related to inspection and quarantine applies on all lands, whereas the authority related to abatement applies only on agricultural lands and agricultural premises.

2011 Wisconsin Act 254 applies the DATCP's authority related to abatement of pests to all lands.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.