



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2011 Assembly Bill 489

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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2011 Assembly Bill 489 appropriates general program revenue for the state's livestock premises registration program. Under the bill, if the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) contracts with an agent to administer the program, and the contractor raises funds from private sources, then DATCP must provide matching funds to the contractor, in an amount not to exceed the amount appropriated (\$250,000 in the 2012-13 fiscal year). In addition, the bill creates a tax credit equal to 25% of the amount paid for livestock radio frequency identification tags and equipment used to read those tags, provided that the tags are obtained through a program administered by the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to 2011 Assembly Bill 489 likewise appropriates general program revenue to fund the state's livestock premises registration program. However, the substitute amendment does not require that the funds be paid to a contractor that has raised matching funds for the program. The substitute amendment appropriates \$250,000 for the livestock premises registration program in the 2012-13 fiscal year and authorizes one additional full-time equivalent position for administration of the program. The substitute amendment also transfers \$125,000 from the Working Lands Fund to the general fund in the 2012-13 fiscal year. The substitute amendment does not create a tax credit for radio frequency identification tags and equipment.

Legislative History

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to 2011 Assembly Bill 489 was offered by Representative Nerison on February 20, 2012. On February 23, 2012, the Assembly Committee on Agriculture voted to recommend adoption of the substitute amendment on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 4. On the same day, the committee voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, also on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 4.

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