

2013 Senate Bill 437 (LRB -3166)

An Act to repeal 91.84 (1) (c); and to amend 91.84 (1) (b) of the statutes; relating to: designation of agricultural enterprise areas. (FE)

2013

- 12-11. S. Introduced by Senators **Harsdorf, Shilling and Leibham**; cosponsored by Representatives **Nerison, A. Ott, Smith, LeMahieu, Strachota, Ballweg, Marklein, Petryk and Vruwink**. ..... 523
- 12-11. S. Read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Small Business, and Tourism ..... 523

2014

- 01-02. S. Fiscal estimate received
- 01-30. S. Public hearing held
- 02-10. S. Fiscal estimate received
- 02-12. S. Executive action taken
- 02-14. S. Report passage recommended by Committee on Agriculture, Small Business, and Tourism, Ayes 8, Noes 1 ..... 667
- 02-14. S. Available for scheduling
- 02-18. S. Referred to joint committee on Finance ..... 680
- 02-19. S. Executive action taken
- 02-20. S. Report passage recommended by Joint Committee on Finance, Ayes 16, Noes 0 ..... 699
- 02-20. S. Available for scheduling
- 03-07. S. Placed on calendar 3-11-2014 pursuant to Senate Rule 18(1) ..... 743
- 03-11. S. Read a second time ..... 755
- 03-11. S. Ordered to a third reading ..... 755
- 03-11. S. Rules suspended ..... 755
- 03-11. S. Read a third time and **passed**, Ayes 31, Noes 2 ..... 755
- 03-11. S. Senator Lassa added as a coauthor ..... 751
- 03-11. S. Ordered immediately messaged ..... 756
- 03-12. A. Received from Senate ..... 737
- 03-12. A. Read first time and referred to committee on Rules ..... 738
- 03-12. A. Placed on calendar 3-18-2014 by Committee on Rules
- 03-18. A. Rules suspended to withdraw from calendar of 3-18-2014 and take up
- 03-18. A. Read a second time
- 03-18. A. Ordered to a third reading
- 03-18. A. Rules suspended
- 03-18. A. Read a third time and **concurred in**, Ayes 96, Noes 0
- 03-18. A. Ordered immediately messaged
- 03-19. S. Received from Assembly concurred in

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**ADOPTED DOCUMENTS:**

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Amendments to above (if none, write "NONE"): None

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) administers the Farmland Preservation Program, which contains some of the requirements that a farmer must meet to qualify for the farmland preservation tax credit. Under current law, one requirement for qualifying for the farmland preservation tax credit is that the farmland must either be in a farmland preservation zoning district under a certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance or be covered by a farmland preservation agreement entered into by DATCP and the farmer.

Current law prohibits DATCP from entering into a farmland preservation agreement with a farmer unless the farmer's land is in an agricultural enterprise area designated by DATCP. DATCP may not designate an area as an agricultural enterprise area unless it receives a petition from local government units and at least five farmers with land in the area. Current law prohibits DATCP from designating agricultural enterprise areas with a combined area of more than 1,000,000 acres.

This bill increases the cap on the combined area of agricultural enterprise areas from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 acres.

