



2015 SENATE BILL 584

January 15, 2016 – Introduced by Senators MARKLEIN, LASSA and NASS, cosponsored by Representatives KATSMA, BALLWEG, E. BROOKS, HORLACHER, T. LARSON, OHNSTAD, A. OTT and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Small Business, and Tourism.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 93.20 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** reimbursement of costs
2 for certain enforcement actions by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and
3 Consumer Protection.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill expands the type of enforcement actions in which a court may order a defendant to reimburse the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) for its costs incurred in preparing and prosecuting the action, to include actions relating to future service plans, rental vehicles, self-service storage facilities, time shares, and foreclosure consultants. Current law allows a court to make such an order only in certain other DATCP enforcement actions.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 93.20 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, is
5 amended to read:

6 93.20 (1) **DEFINITION.** In this section, “action” means an action that is
7 commenced in court by, or on behalf of, the department of agriculture, trade and

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SECTION 1

1 consumer protection to enforce ~~chs.~~ ch. 88, 89, 91 to 100, ~~or 126, 136, 344, 704, 707,~~
2 or 846.

3 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) This act first applies to actions commenced on the effective date of this
5 subsection.

6 (END)