



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2015 Assembly Bill 646**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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### **2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 646**

Current law includes statutory requirements for manufacturers and distributors of commercial feed and feed products for animals and birds, violations of which are punishable by a fine of up to \$200 or imprisonment for up to six months, or both. This bill provides that a person who violates these requirements is subject to a civil forfeiture of between \$100 and \$500 for the first violation, and between \$200 and \$1,000 for any additional violation within five years of the first violation. A person who **knowingly** violates these requirements may be fined up to \$1,000 or imprisoned for up to 30 days, or both. A **manufacturer or distributor** who **knowingly** violates these requirements may be fined up to \$5,000 or imprisoned for up to one year, or both.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 specifies that the imprisonment of a manufacturer or distributor for the last type of violation described above is to be in a county jail, which clarifies that this type of violation is not punishable as a felony.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Nerison on January 21, 2016. On January 26, 2016, the Assembly Committee on Agriculture voted to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

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