



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 45**  
[2017 Senate Bill 20]

**Potato Late Blight**

2017 Wisconsin Act 45 requires the owner or person in charge of a potato crop to treat late blight of potatoes with an antisporeulant within 24 hours of receiving notice to do so from the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP). The Act also requires the removal and destruction of infected plants, host plants, or other pest-harboring material due to the existence of late blight of potatoes within 72 hours after receiving notice from DATCP to take such action. These time periods may be extended at the discretion of DATCP. Under prior law, a person had 10 days to take action under such orders.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.