2017 SENATE BILL 780

February 7, 2018 – Introduced by Senator TESTIN, cosponsored by Representatives KULP, HORLACHER, SPIROS, ROHRKASTE and WICHERS. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Small Business and Tourism.

AN ACT to create 20.115 (4) (fm) and 93.58 of the statutes; relating to: grants for obtaining farm tractor rollover protective structures and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to make a grant to an organization that uses the grant funds to reimburse the costs of purchasing and installing rollover protective structures for farm tractors. Under the bill, an organization with a purpose of addressing human health and safety associated with rural and agricultural work, life, and environments receives the grant and must spend at least 70 percent of the grant funds to reimburse the costs of purchasing and installing rollover protective structures for farm tractors. The bill provides that for each reimbursement made, the organization must pay 70 percent of the first $1,670 in purchase and installation costs and all of the costs in excess of $1,670. The bill also requires the organization to report annually to DATCP on its expenditures of grant funds until all of the grant funds are expended.

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:
SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

2017-18   2018-19

20.115  Agriculture, trade and consumer
        protection, department of

        (4)  AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE

        (fm)  Farm tractor rollover protection
        grants  GPR  A  250,000  250,000

SECTION 2. 20.115 (4) (fm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.115 (4) (fm)  Farm tractor rollover protection grants. The amounts in the
schedule for grants under s. 93.58 (2).

SECTION 3. 93.58 of the statutes is created to read:

93.58  Farm tractor rollover protection grants. (1)  DEFINITIONS. In this section:

(a)  “Farm tractor” has the meaning given in s. 340.01 (16).

(b)  “Rollover protective structure” means a structure installed on a farm tractor
that protects a person operating a farm tractor from injuries caused by the
overturning of the farm tractor and that meets the standard of specifications
established by a national or international organization with a purpose of developing
and publishing industrial standards.

(2)  GRANT PROGRAM. (a)  From the appropriation under s. 20.115 (4) (fm), the
department shall provide grants to an organization with a purpose of addressing
human health and safety associated with rural and agricultural work, life, and
environments.
(b) An organization receiving a grant under par. (a) shall expend not less than 70 percent of the amount of the grant to reimburse, as provided under par. (c), the costs of purchasing and installing rollover protective structures.

(c) For each reimbursement made with funds received under par. (a), the organization shall pay the following amounts:

1. Seventy percent of the first $1,670 of the cost of purchasing and installing a rollover protective structure.

2. One hundred percent of the cost of purchasing and installing a rollover protective structure in excess of $1,670.

(d) An organization receiving a grant under par. (a) shall annually submit a report to the department describing the expenditures of the grant funds until all of the grant funds are expended.

(END)