



## 2019 SENATE BILL 737

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 95.185 of the statutes; **relating to:** creating a voluntary  
2           individual animal identification program and granting rule-making authority.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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

3           **SECTION 1.** 95.185 of the statutes is created to read:

4           **95.185 Voluntary individual animal identification.** (1) **DEFINITION.** In  
5           this section, "RFID tag" means a radio frequency identification tag, regardless of  
6           whether it uses low or high frequency technology.

7           **(2) VOLUNTARY INDIVIDUAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION.** The department shall create  
8           and administer a voluntary program under which a person who has obtained a  
9           livestock premises registration under s. 95.51 may obtain RFID tags for individual  
10          bovine animals, goats, sheep, swine, or farm-raised deer. An RFID tag must include

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1 a 15-digit individual animal identification number that is connected to the livestock  
2 premises identification code for the animal's premises of origin. As part of the  
3 program under this section, the department shall maintain on its Internet site a link  
4 to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's list of authorized manufacturers of animal  
5 identification number devices. The department may contract with an agent to collect  
6 and maintain individual animal identification records, which may include  
7 submitting the information to an existing state or federal database. Individual  
8 animal identification records held by the department or by an agent with whom the  
9 department has contracted are not subject to copying or inspection under s. 19.35 (1)  
10 and, unless an exemption provided under s. 95.51 (5) (b) or (c) applies, the  
11 department or the agent may not disclose such records. The department may  
12 promulgate rules to implement this section. The department may amend any rules  
13 promulgated under this section as necessary to adapt to future advances in animal  
14 identification technology, including to substitute RFID tags with another technology  
15 if RFID technology becomes obsolete.

16 (END)