

# State of Wisconsin



2019 Senate Bill 737

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## 2019 WISCONSIN ACT 178

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

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

**SECTION 1.** 95.185 of the statutes is created to read:  
**95.185 Voluntary individual animal identification.** (1) **DEFINITION.** In this section, "RFID tag" means a radio frequency identification tag, regardless of whether it uses low or high frequency technology.

(2) **VOLUNTARY INDIVIDUAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION.** The department shall create and administer a voluntary program under which a person who has obtained a livestock premises registration under s. 95.51 may obtain RFID tags for individual bovine animals, goats, sheep, swine, or farm-raised deer. An RFID tag must include a 15-digit individual animal identification number that is connected to the livestock premises identification code for the animal's premises of origin. As part of the program under this section, the department shall maintain on

its Internet site a link to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's list of authorized manufacturers of animal identification number devices. The department may contract with an agent to collect and maintain individual animal identification records, which may include submitting the information to an existing state or federal database. Individual animal identification records held by the department or by an agent with whom the department has contracted are not subject to copying or inspection under s. 19.35 (1) and, unless an exemption provided under s. 95.51 (5) (b) or (c) applies, the department or the agent may not disclose such records. The department may promulgate rules to implement this section. The department may amend any rules promulgated under this section as necessary to adapt to future advances in animal identification technology, including to substitute RFID tags with another technology if RFID technology becomes obsolete.

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\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."