2019 SENATE BILL 804

February 11, 2020 - Introduced by Law Revision Committee. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

AN ACT to repeal 41.11 (5); and to amend 41.11 (1) (h) of the statutes; relating to: the Department of Tourism’s reporting duties and requirement to distribute cheese (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Tourism).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill modifies the requirement imposed under current law that the Department of Tourism annually report on its activities to the Senate Natural Resources Committee and the Assembly Committee on Tourism. Under the bill, the department is directed to report to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature, rather than the specifically named committees.

The bill deletes the requirement imposed under current law that the department distribute donated cheese that is made in Wisconsin at tourist information centers. The department no longer operates tourist information centers.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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

SECTION 1. 41.11 (1) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

41.11 (1) (h) Annually report to the senate natural resources committee and the assembly committee on tourism appropriate standing committees of the
legislature under s. 13.172 (3) the activities, marketing efforts, receipts, and
disbursements of the department for the previous fiscal year. The report under this
paragraph shall include information on the marketing efforts conducted for the
Frank Lloyd Wright Trail established under s. 84.10255.

NOTE: SECTION 1 requires the Department of Tourism to make its annual report to
“appropriate” legislative standing committees, rather than to specifically named committees.

SECTION 2. 41.11 (5) of the statutes is repealed.

NOTE: SECTION 2 deletes a requirement for the Department of Tourism to distribute cheese to the public at tourist information centers it operates. The agency ceased operation of the centers in 2009, after funding was eliminated by the 2009-11 budget.