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#### CHAPTER 46

AN ACT to repeal 95.26 (2) (b) and (c) and 95.37 (2); to renumber 95.26 (2) (a); and to amend 95.26 (4) and (6) (a) and 95.37 (3) of the statutes, relating to the Brucellosis control program.

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

SECTION 1. 95.26 (2) (b) and (c) of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 2. 95.26 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 95.26 (2).

SECTION 3. 95.26 (4) and (6) (a) of the statutes are amended to read:

95.26 (4) Upon petition of 75 per cent of the cattle owners in a county the department may determine in the manner provided in s. 95.25

that all herds in the county be under Plan A. The provisions of s. 95.25 except sub. (8) shall apply to such work with like effect as though the word "Brucellosis" be substituted for the word "tuberculosis" and that consistent with Plan A the appropriate "A.B.R. test" or "Brucellosis test" be substituted for "tuberculin test." All the provisions under Plan A shall apply. Reactors to the Brucellosis test shall be slaughtered. *Written report of the test disclosing any reactors shall be mailed to the owner thereof. The owner shall effect the slaughter of such reactors within 15 days of the date on which they are identified by a reactor tag and permanent mark. The department, for cause shown, may extend such time an additional 15 days. In the event the owner of reactors shall fail to comply with this sub-section within the time limited, the department, its agent or employes, shall cause the removal and slaughter of such reactors and no indemnity shall be paid on any reactors disposed of by the department. Indemnity shall not be denied because of retention of diseased animals prior to adoption of Plan A county status.*

(6) (a) The A.B.R. tests required by this section shall be conducted by state or federal employed veterinarians and technicians. \* \* \* Brucellosis tests in Plan A herds, all tests in Plan A counties and all calf-hood vaccination provided for in this section shall be at state expense and may be conducted by an approved veterinarian of the herd owner's preference. \* \* \* Veterinarians shall promptly submit all blood samples drawn under this program to the department for laboratory examination.

SECTION 4. 95.37 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 5. 95.37 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

95.37 (3) Every claim for indemnity based on Brucellosis must be accompanied by \* \* \* *a statement* of the owner certifying that none of the animals on such claim have been treated with any biological product containing Brucella organisms except only official vaccinates and animals which, subsequent to vaccination, returned to a negative status, which fact shall be established by a negative test conducted not less than 30 days prior to the test on which the claim for indemnity is based.

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