

1987 Senate Bill 464

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## 1987 Wisconsin Act 281

AN ACT to create 15.135 (3), 15.137 (2), 20.115 (2) (gb) and 95.175 of the statutes, relating to creating an animal health and disease research board and an animal health and disease research council and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 15.135 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

15.135 (3) ANIMAL HEALTH AND DISEASE RESEARCH BOARD. There is created an animal health and disease research board attached to the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection under s. 15.03. The board shall consist of the dean of the school of veterinary medicine, the director of the agricultural experiment station at the university of Wisconsin-Madison and the chief veterinarian of the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection, or their designees, and one public member appointed for a 3-year term.

SECTION 2. 15.137 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

15.137 (2) ANIMAL HEALTH AND DISEASE RESEARCH COUNCIL. There is created in the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection an animal health and disease research council consisting of the chief veterinarian of the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection and the director of the agricultural experiment station at the university of Wisconsin-Madison, or their designees, and 7 public members, of whom at least one shall be a veterinarian who practices primarily on large animals in this state, at least one shall be a dairy farmer in this state, at least one shall represent a family farm located in this state and at least one shall be a meat animal producer in this state. Public members shall be appointed for 3-year terms. No public member may serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

SECTION 3. 20.115 (2) (gb) of the statutes is created to read:

20.115 (2) (gb) *Animal health and disease research; gifts and grants.* All moneys received from gifts, donations, grants and bequests for the purpose of funding animal health and disease research.

SECTION 4. 95.175 of the statutes is created to read:

**95.175 Animal health and disease research.** (1) ANIMAL HEALTH AND DISEASE RESEARCH COUNCIL. (a) The animal health and disease research council shall, at least semiannually, meet, review and evaluate problems of animal health and disease currently or potentially present in farm poultry, farm animals and fur-

bearing animals in this state. The council shall identify the priority areas for research and the approximate percentages of research project effort, within the limit of available funds, to be allocated to the areas of highest priority. The council shall recommend its findings to the animal health and disease research board for final determination.

(b) The council shall, at least annually, compile information and data sufficient to evaluate the progress of research projects funded by the animal health and disease research board under sub. (2) and may recommend to the board that changes be made in the scope or direction of any funded research project.

(2) ANIMAL HEALTH AND DISEASE RESEARCH BOARD. (a) The animal health and disease research board shall determine priority areas for animal health and disease research and the appropriate percentage of necessary research effort from recommendations of the council under sub. (1) and shall encourage members of the faculty of the university of Wisconsin system to submit applications for funding of research projects in those areas.

(b) For each of the priority research areas for which applications are received under par. (a), annually on May 15 the board shall appoint a review panel consisting of a minimum of 5 members of the faculty of the university of Wisconsin system for the purposes of reviewing and evaluating the applications received in the 12-month period preceding appointment. No person who submitted an application during the preceding 12 months may be a member of a panel appointed to review applications in the same research area as his or her application. Each appointed review panel shall review and rank the research proposal applications in order of highest merit for funding and shall submit a list of ranked applications to the board for final determination.

(c) The board shall evaluate the ranked listing of research applications received from the review panels. The board shall award funds to applicants for pure research or applied research projects from the appropriation under s. 20.115 (2) (gb). All funded research projects shall be conducted in this state. The board shall monitor the fiscal status of research projects funded by the board.

(d) Upon receipt of the evaluations of the progress of the currently funded research projects from the

council under sub. (1) (b), the board may change the scope or direction of any funded project.

(e) The board shall accept gifts, donations, grants and bequests made for the purpose of funding animal health and disease research and effect the specific purpose of the gift, donation, grant or bequest.

**SECTION 5. Nonstatutory provisions.** (1) Notwithstanding section 15.135 (3) of the statutes, as created by this act, the term of the initial public member appointed to the animal health and disease research

board under section 15.135 (3) of the statutes, as created by this act, shall expire on May 1, 1990.

(2) Notwithstanding section 15.137 (2) of the statutes, as created by this act, the terms of 2 of the initial public members of the animal health and disease research council shall expire on July 1, 1988, the terms of 2 of the initial public members shall expire on July 1, 1989, and the terms of 3 of the initial public members shall expire on July 1, 1990.

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