

1991 Assembly Bill 704

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1991 WISCONSIN ACT 175

AN ACT *to amend* 97.42 (2) (b) of the statutes, **relating to:** prohibiting certain slaughtering and meat processing establishments from selling seasoned meat food products to restaurants or institutions (suggested as remedial legislation by the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection).

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

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection and introduced by the law revision committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of this bill, the law revision committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

SECTION 1. 97.42 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

97.42 (2) (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to any person operating an establishment that only processes meat or poultry products, or meat or poultry food products, for sale directly to consumers at retail on the premises where the products were processed if only inspected meat is permitted on the premises and sales to restaurants and insti-

tutions are restricted to 25% of the volume of meat sales or \$28,800 annually, whichever is less. No person exempt from licensure under this paragraph may sell any cured, smoked, seasoned, canned or cooked meat food products produced by that person to restaurants or institutions.

NOTE: This SECTION adds "seasoned" meat, such as bratwursts, to the list of meat food products which may not be sold to restaurants and institutions by retail meat establishments that are exempt from the licensing requirement of s. 97.42 (2) (a), stats. The change will bring Wisconsin's meat inspection laws back into conformity with federal meat regulations. The affected establishments are those where meat or poultry products or meat or poultry food products are processed only for retail sales directly to consumers on the premises where only inspected meat is allowed on the premises, and where sales to restaurants and institutions do not exceed the lesser of 25% of the volume of the establishment's meat sales or \$28,000 annually.