

1993 Senate Bill 407

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1993 WISCONSIN ACT 420

AN ACT to amend 71.60 (1) (c) 4 and 5 of the statutes, relating to: the amount of the farmland preservation credit available for land subject to a farmland preservation agreement or a transition area agreement or initial farmland preservation agreement that is not in an area subject to certain restrictive agricultural zoning ordinances and providing for a study.

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

SECTION 1. 71.60 (1) (c) 4. and 5. of the statutes are amended to read:

71.60 (1) (c) 4. If the claimant or any member of the claimant's household owns farmland which is ineligible for credit under subd. 1 or 2 but which is subject to a farmland preservation agreement or a transition area agreement under subch. II of ch. 91 on July 1 of the year for which credit is claimed, or the owner had applied for such an agreement before July 1 of such year and the agreement has subsequently been executed, the amount of the claim shall be limited to ~~70%~~ 80% of that specified in par. (b).

5. If the claimant or any member of the claimant's household owns farmland which is ineligible for credit under subds. 1 to 4 but was subject to a farmland preservation agreement under subch. III of ch. 91 on July 1 of the year for which credit is claimed, or the owner had applied for such an agreement before July 1 of such year and the agreement has subsequently been executed, and if the owner has applied by the end of the year in which

conversion under s. 91.41 is first possible for conversion of the agreement to an agreement under subch. II of ch. 91, and the agreement under subch. II of ch. 91 has subsequently been executed, the amount of the claim shall be limited to ~~70%~~ 80% of that specified in par. (b).

SECTION 1m. Nonstatutory provisions. (1) The legislative council is requested to study the following issues:

(a) Farmland preservation and farmland taxation policies.

(b) Transportation issues that relate to agriculture.

(c) Policies that relate to the siting of public and private sewage systems.

(d) The extent to which there is a need for a comprehensive state land development policy.

(2) By January 10, 1995, the legislative council shall report its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the legislature in the manner provided under section 13.172 (2) of the statutes.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability. This act first applies to claims for credits filed in 1995 based on property taxes accrued during the previous year.