



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Potts, BB0346 - Conservation grant program

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

AGRICULTURE

Conservation grants

The bill requires DATCP to award grants to develop and provide education and training to farmers about best practices related to grazing and pasture maintenance and to provide cost-sharing incentive payments to farmers to develop and adopt regenerative agricultural practices. DATCP may not allocate more than \$320,000 for these grants in any single fiscal year.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 93.76 of the statutes is created to read:

93.76 Conservation grants. The department shall provide grants from the appropriation under s. 20.115 (7) (qf) to local governments, nongovernmental

organizations, federally recognized American Indian tribes or bands, businesses, and individuals for any of the following purposes:

(1) To develop and provide education and training to farmers about best practices related to grazing and pasture maintenance.

(2) To provide cost-sharing incentive payments to farmers to develop and adopt regenerative agricultural practices.

(3) The department may promulgate rules to administer the program under this section.

SECTION 9102. Nonstatutory provisions; Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

(1) EMERGENCY RULES FOR CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM. The department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection may use the procedure under s. 227.24 to promulgate emergency rules relating to the conservation grant program under s. 93.76. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a) and (3), when promulgating emergency rules under this subsection, the department is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this subsection as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency for a rule promulgated under this subsection. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (e) 1d. and 1g., for emergency rules promulgated under this subsection, the department is not required to prepare a statement of scope of the rules or to submit the proposed rules in final draft form to the governor for approval.

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