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**2013 Assembly Bill 589**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

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2013 Assembly Bill 589 relates to licenses for retail food establishments and permits for restaurants and bed and breakfast establishments.

**2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 589**

Under current law, retail food establishments are licensed by the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Licenses are for a term of one year, and expire on June 30.

2013 Assembly Bill 589 authorizes a local health department in a first-class city (currently only Milwaukee) to enter into an agreement with DATCP to serve as DATCP's agent in issuing retail food establishment licenses. While the bill retains the one-year term of licenses, it allows the city to issue licenses renewable on any date of the city's choosing.

**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 to 2013 Assembly Bill 589 allows a first-class city to extend the term of a retail food establishment license it issues in order to align the term of that license with the annual term of any other license or permit it issues to an individual establishment. It also authorizes the city to prorate the fee for the extended license to reflect the additional number of months covered by the license.

**BILL HISTORY**

Representative Kooyenga introduced Assembly Amendment 1 to 2013 Assembly Bill 589 on January 17, 2014. On February 7, 2014, the Assembly Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations voted to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0. The Assembly voted to adopt the amendment and to pass the bill, as amended, on voice votes on February 13, 2014.

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