



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 236

**Senate Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Under current law, with limited exceptions, it is illegal to sell milk that has not been pasteurized. 2013 Senate Bill 236 creates an exception to this prohibition for milk and certain milk products sold on the farm where it is produced, if certain requirements are met.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 creates a new category of milk permit, the Grade 1 unpasteurized milk permit, as an alternative to the Grade A milk permit. A milk producer who holds a Grade 1 unpasteurized milk permit may sell unpasteurized fluid milk that meets certain production and quality standards directly to consumers on the producer's dairy farm.

Except as specified in the substitute amendment, Grade 1 unpasteurized milk must meet all production and quality standards that apply to Grade A milk. Except for the requirements that are specific to it, the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection may not impose requirements on the production, processing, and sale of Grade 1 unpasteurized milk that are more stringent than those that apply to the production, processing, and sale of Grade A milk.

The substitute amendment establishes requirements specific to the production, processing, and sale of Grade 1 unpasteurized milk relating to: milk quality (contamination with bacteria or antibiotic residue); preservation of milk samples and recordkeeping (to facilitate response to illnesses that may have been caused by the consumption of unpasteurized milk); signage and labeling regarding health hazards associated with consuming unpasteurized milk; government access to test results, samples, and sales records; and dairy farm inspections.

Bill History

On November 13, 2013, the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Rural Issues introduced and recommended adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to 2013 Senate Bill 236 on votes of Ayes, 5; and Noes, 0; and recommended passage of Senate Bill 236 as amended on a vote of Ayes, 3; and Noes, 2.

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