



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Senate Bill 474	Senate Amendment 2
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2015 SENATE BILL 474

2015 Senate Bill 474 (the bill) requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to award an annual grant to promote the donation of excess and unmarketable farm and food products to food banks. The bill requires DATCP to award the grant to a food bank association, which is a nonprofit organization that operates as a statewide association of food banks that, together, serve all counties of Wisconsin.

The bill requires DATCP to require the food bank association to use the grant funds to reimburse farmers and food processing facilities located in Wisconsin for certain expenses; to process, warehouse, and transport donated farm and food products; and to pay for related administrative expenses.

SENATE AMENDMENT 2

The amendment requires DATCP to prohibit a food bank association from distributing farm or food products that are harvested, packaged, or transported using the grant funds to a food bank, unless the food bank agrees not to charge a membership, affiliation, or delivery fee for providing or delivering the farm or food products to a food pantry or other organization that dispenses food to low-income individuals to alleviate hunger.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Petrowski offered Senate Amendment 2 on January 12, 2016. On January 13, 2016, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Small Business, and Tourism recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 2 and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

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