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1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 506

October 5, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives Sykora, Gronemus, Musser, Goetsch, Kelso, Plouff, Owens, Olsen, Gunderson, Hahn, Nass, Vrakas, Petrowski and Pettis, cosponsored by Senators Schultz, Breske, Farrow and Huelsman. Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

AN ACT to amend 95.60 (3) and 95.60 (3m) of the statutes; relating to: the requirement that certain operators of fish farms obtain annual health certificates.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires a person who operates a fish farm to annually register the fish farm with the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection (DATCP). Current law also requires the operator of a fish farm to annually obtain a fish health certificate for any fish eggs present or any fish reared on the fish farm, except that an operator who does not sell, distribute or release live fish or fish eggs may rely on the health certificate of the person from whom the operator obtained fish or fish eggs.

This bill eliminates the absolute requirement to obtain a fish health certificate and instead authorizes DATCP to require a fish farm operator to obtain an annual fish health certificate.

For further information see the *state* 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. 95.60 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

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95.60 (3) —A—The department may promulgate a rule requiring a person who operates a fish farm shall to obtain an annual health certificate from a veterinarian licensed under ch. 453 or from a person who is qualified to issue fish health certificates under sub. (4s) (c) for any fish eggs present or any fish reared on the fish farm, except that. If the department promulgates a rule under this subsection, the rule may allow a fish farm operator who does not sell, distribute or release live fish or fish eggs from the fish farm may to rely upon health certificates under this subsection that are obtained by the person from whom the fish farm operator receives fish or fish eggs.

Section 2. 95.60 (3m) of the statutes is amended to read:

95.60 (3m) A person who operates a fish farm shall annually register the fish farm with the department. The person registering the fish farm shall provide evidence of the <u>any</u> health certificate required under sub. (3) and shall identify the activities that will be engaged in, the species of fish that will be used and the facilities that will be used on the fish farm.

SECTION 3. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 13th month beginning after publication.

19 (END)