



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 579

February 17, 2012 – Introduced by Representative JACQUE, cosponsored by Senator LASEE. Referred to Committee on Jobs, Economy and Small Business.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 97.20 (1) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** licensing of plants
2 that process certain foods made with milk or milk products.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits a person from operating a dairy plant without a license issued by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). A dairy plant is a place where a dairy product is manufactured or processed for sale. Currently, the definition of “dairy product” includes any commodity in which milk or any milk product is a principal ingredient. Current law also authorizes DATCP to promulgate rules for the operation of dairy plants, including standards for equipment.

Under this bill, a place that manufactures or produces commodities that are intended to be heated before being consumed and in which milk or any milk product is a principal ingredient, and no other dairy products, must be licensed as a food processing plant, rather than as a dairy plant. DATCP’s rules for food processing plants, including standards for equipment, differ from those for dairy plants.

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:

- 3 **SECTION 1.** 97.20 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

