

<b>FISCAL ESTIMATE</b> DOA-2048 (R 10/94)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL <input type="checkbox"/> UPDATED <input type="checkbox"/> CORRECTED <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPLEMENTAL	<b>LRB or Bill No. / Adm. Rule No.</b> Ch. ATCP 69, Wis. Adm. Code Amendment No. (If Applicable)
<b>Subject:</b> Qualifications To Apply For A Buttermaker License			
<b>Fiscal Effect</b> <b>State:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect  Check below only if <b>bill</b> makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.  <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriation <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriation <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriation		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs –  May be possible to absorb within agency's budget? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
<b>Local :</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No local government costs 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<b>5. Types of Local Gov. Unit Affected:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Villages <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
<b>Fund Source Affected:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEG-S		<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations:</b>	

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

**Background**

DATCP administers Wisconsin’s buttermaker licensing program under ch. 97.17, Wis. Stats. DATCP has adopted licensing rules under ch. ATCP 69, Wis. Adm. Code. There have been few changes in the current program since 1929.

Under current law, butter must be made by or under the supervision of a licensed buttermaker. However, there are currently only 46 licensed buttermakers in the state. There is a growing national market for butter. Without more licensed buttermakers, Wisconsin’s butter industry will be at significant risk and may be unable to take advantage of new market opportunities.

This rule will provide more flexible training and examination options to facilitate the training and licensing of qualified buttermakers. DATCP is developing this rule in consultation with the Wisconsin dairy industry, including the emerging artisan and farmstead buttermaking industry. DATCP has also consulted with the University of Wisconsin. This rule may take advantage of new training resources and technologies that were not previously available.

This rule will promote the development and diversification of Wisconsin’s dairy industry. It will allow more people to enter the industry as licensed buttermakers, including makers of artisan and farmstead butter. It will help relieve an acute shortage of licensed buttermakers, which is putting the state’s entire butter industry at risk. It will also ensure the safety and quality of Wisconsin butter, and maintain Wisconsin’s reputation as a dairy leader, by ensuring that buttermakers are adequately trained and qualified.

**Impact of the Proposed Rule on State Government**

This rule will have no significant fiscal impact on Wisconsin state or local government. This rule does not increase buttermaker license fees. This rule may increase the number of buttermaker licenses, but the increase is not expected to have a significant impact on DATCP license revenues or administrative costs. DATCP expects to absorb any increased costs with current budget and staff.

**Impact of the Proposed Rule on Local Government**

None

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