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**SENATE AMENDMENT 7,  
TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2,  
TO SENATE BILL 45**

July 2, 2025 - Offered by Senators HESSELBEIN, SMITH, SPREITZER, DRAKE, L. JOHNSON, ROYS, CARPENTER, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, HABUSH SINYKIN, KEYESKI, LARSON, PFAFF, RATCLIFF and WALL.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

2 **1.** At the appropriate place, replace the schedule for s. 20.370 with the  
3 schedule from 2025 Senate Bill 45 covering the department of natural resources.

4 **2.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

5 “SECTION 1. 20.115 (2) (jm) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 20.115 (2) (jm) *Veterinary examining board, dog licensing, rabies control*  
7 *program, and humane officers.* All moneys received from issuing and renewing  
8 credentials under ch. 89 for the licensing, rule-making, and regulatory functions of  
9 the veterinary examining board and to provide dog license tags and forms under s.  
10 174.07 (2), to perform other program responsibilities under ch. 174, to administer

1 the rabies control program under s. 95.21, to help administer the rabies control  
2 media campaign, and to carry out activities under s. 93.07 (11) and ch. 173.

3 **SECTION 2.** 20.115 (3) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

4 20.115 (3) (e) *Food waste reduction grants.* The amounts in the schedule for  
5 providing food waste reduction grants under s. 93.53.

6 **SECTION 3.** 20.115 (3) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

7 20.115 (3) (f) *Meat processing tuition and curriculum development grants.*  
8 The amounts in the schedule for providing meat processing tuition grants and  
9 curriculum development grants under s. 93.525.

10 **SECTION 4.** 20.115 (4) (aq) of the statutes is created to read:

11 20.115 (4) (aq) *Food security and Wisconsin products grants.* As a continuing  
12 appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for food security and Wisconsin  
13 products grants under s. 93.62.

14 **SECTION 5.** 20.115 (4) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:

15 20.115 (4) (ar) *Value-added agricultural practices.* Biennially, the amounts in  
16 the schedule for value-added agricultural practices under s. 93.61.

17 **SECTION 6.** 20.115 (4) (at) of the statutes is created to read:

18 20.115 (4) (at) *Farm to fork program.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule  
19 for farm to fork grants under s. 93.63.

20 **SECTION 7.** 20.115 (4) (ds) of the statutes is created to read:

21 20.115 (4) (ds) *Dairy agriculture resilience investment now grant pilot*  
22 *program.* Annually, the amounts in the schedule for providing grants under, and  
23 the administration of, the dairy agriculture resilience investment now grant pilot  
24 program under s. 93.54.

1           **SECTION 8.** 20.115 (4) (t) of the statutes is created to read:

2           20.115 (4) (t) *Transition to grass pilot program.* From the environmental  
3 fund, the amounts in the schedule for the transition to grass pilot program under s.  
4 93.60.

5           **SECTION 9.** 20.115 (7) (ac) of the statutes is created to read:

6           20.115 (7) (ac) *Sandhill crane damage reimbursements.* As a continuing  
7 appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for the sandhill crane damage  
8 reimbursement program under s. 93.67.

9           **SECTION 10.** 20.115 (7) (br) of the statutes is created to read:

10          20.115 (7) (br) *Principal repayment and interest; agricultural conservation*  
11 *easements.* A sum sufficient to reimburse s. 20.866 (1) (u) for the principal and  
12 interest costs incurred in purchasing agricultural conservation easements under s.  
13 93.73, to make the payments determined by the building commission under s.  
14 13.488 (1) (m) that are attributable to the proceeds of obligations incurred to  
15 purchase agricultural conservation easements under s. 93.73, and to make  
16 payments under an agreement or ancillary arrangement entered into under s.  
17 18.06 (8) (a).

18          **SECTION 11.** 20.115 (7) (da) of the statutes is created to read:

19          20.115 (7) (da) *Biodigester operator certification grants.* The amounts in the  
20 schedule for biodigester operator certification grants under s. 93.75.

21          **SECTION 12.** 20.115 (7) (qf) of the statutes is amended to read:

22          20.115 (7) (qf) *Soil and water management; aids.* From the environmental  
23 fund, the amounts in the schedule for cost-sharing grants and contracts under the  
24 soil and water resource management program under s. 92.14, but not for the

1 support of local land conservation personnel, and for producer-led watershed  
2 protection grants under s. 93.59. Prior to fiscal year 2021-22, the department shall  
3 allocate funds, in an amount that does not exceed \$750,000 in each fiscal year, for  
4 the producer-led watershed protection grants. ~~Beginning in~~ In fiscal year ~~years~~  
5 2021-22 ~~to 2024-25~~, the department shall allocate funds, in an amount that does  
6 not exceed \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year, for the producer-led watershed protection  
7 grants. Beginning in fiscal year 2025-26, the department shall allocate funds, in an  
8 amount that does not exceed \$1,250,000 in each fiscal year, for the producer-led  
9 watershed protection grants.

10 **SECTION 13.** 20.115 (7) (qm) of the statutes is created to read:

11 20.115 (7) (qm) *Commercial nitrogen optimization program.* Biennially, from  
12 the environmental fund, the amounts in the schedule for the commercial nitrogen  
13 optimization program under s. 92.14 (16).

14 **SECTION 14.** 20.115 (7) (tb) of the statutes is created to read:

15 20.115 (7) (tb) *Principal and interest; agricultural conservation easements.*  
16 From the working lands fund, the amounts in the schedule to reimburse s. 20.866  
17 (1) (u) for the principal and interest costs incurred in purchasing agricultural  
18 conservation easements under s. 93.73, to make the payments determined by the  
19 building commission under s. 13.488 (1) (m) that are attributable to the proceeds of  
20 obligations incurred to purchase agricultural conservation easements under s.  
21 93.73, and to make payments under an agreement or ancillary agreement entered  
22 into under s. 18.06 (8) (a).

23 **SECTION 15.** 20.115 (7) (tm) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 20.115 (7) (tm) *Farmland preservation planning grants, working lands fund.*

1 From the working lands fund, the amounts in the schedule for farmland  
2 preservation planning grants under s. 91.10 (6) and for farmland preservation  
3 implementation grants under s. 91.10 (7).

4 **SECTION 16.** 20.115 (7) (u) of the statutes is created to read:

5 20.115 (7) (u) *Planning grants for regional biodigesters.* From the  
6 environmental fund, the amounts in the schedule for providing planning grants for  
7 establishing regional biodigesters under s. 93.74.

8 **SECTION 17.** 20.866 (1) (u) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 20.866 (1) (u) *Principal repayment and interest.* A sum sufficient from  
10 moneys appropriated under sub. (2) (zp) and ss. 20.115 (2) (d) and (7) (b) ~~and, (br),~~  
11 ~~(s), and (tb),~~ 20.190 (1) (c), (d), (i), and (j), 20.225 (1) (c) and (i), 20.245 (1) (e) and (j),  
12 20.250 (1) (c) and (e), 20.255 (1) (d), 20.285 (1) (d), (gj), and (je), 20.320 (1) (c) and (t)  
13 and (2) (c), 20.370 (7) (aa), (ad), (ag), (aq), (ar), (at), (au), (bq), (br), (cb), (cc), (cd),  
14 (cg), (cq), (cr), (cs), (ct), (ea), (eq), and (er), 20.395 (6) (af), (aq), (ar), and (au), 20.410  
15 (1) (e), (ec), and (ko) and (3) (e) and (fm), 20.435 (2) (ee), 20.465 (1) (d), 20.485 (1) (f)  
16 and (go) and (4) (qm), 20.505 (4) (es), (et), (ha), and (hb) and (5) (c), (g), and (kc),  
17 20.855 (8) (a), and 20.867 (1) (a) and (b) and (3) (a), (b), (bb), (bc), (bd), (be), (bf), (bg),  
18 (bh), (bj), (bL), (bm), (bn), (bo), (bq), (br), (bt), (bu), (bv), (bw), (bx), (cb), (cd), (cf),  
19 (ch), (cj), (cq), (cr), (cs), (cv), (cw), (cx), (cz), (g), (h), (i), (kd), and (q) for the payment  
20 of principal, interest, premium due, if any, and payment due, if any, under an  
21 agreement or ancillary arrangement entered into under s. 18.06 (8) (a) relating to  
22 any public debt contracted under subchs. I and IV of ch. 18.

23 **SECTION 18.** 20.866 (2) (we) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 20.866 (2) (we) *Agriculture; soil and water.* From the capital improvement

1 fund, a sum sufficient for the department of agriculture, trade and consumer  
2 protection to provide for soil and water resource management under s. 92.14. The  
3 state may contract public debt in an amount not to exceed ~~\$68,075,000~~ \$92,075,000  
4 for this purpose. ~~The state may contract additional public debt in an amount up to~~  
5 ~~\$7,000,000 for this purpose. The state may contract additional public debt in an~~  
6 ~~amount up to \$7,000,000 for this purpose.~~

7 **SECTION 19.** 20.866 (2) (wg) of the statutes is created to read:

8 20.866 (2) (wg) *Agricultural conservation easements.* From the capital  
9 improvement fund, a sum sufficient for the department of agriculture, trade and  
10 consumer protection to purchase agricultural conservation easements under s.  
11 93.73. The state may contract public debt in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000  
12 for this purpose.

13 **SECTION 20.** 23.197 (15) of the statutes is repealed.

14 **SECTION 21.** 66.0104 of the statutes is repealed.

15 **SECTION 22.** 66.0602 (2m) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

16 66.0602 (2m) (c) Rental inspection fees charged by a political subdivision are  
17 not subject to a deduction from the political subdivision's levy.

18 **SECTION 23.** 66.1010 of the statutes is repealed.

19 **SECTION 24.** 91.10 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 **91.10** (title) **County plan required; planning and implementation**  
21 **grants.**

22 **SECTION 25.** 91.10 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

23 91.10 (7) (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.115 (7) (tm), the department

1 may award implementation grants to counties for implementing a county's certified  
2 farmland preservation plan.

3 (b) The department shall enter into a contract with a county to which it  
4 awards an implementation grant under par. (a) before the department distributes  
5 any grant funds to the county. In the contract, the department shall identify the  
6 costs that are eligible for reimbursement through the grant.

7 (c) The department may distribute grant funds under this subsection only  
8 after the county shows that it has incurred costs that are eligible for reimbursement  
9 under par. (b).

10 **SECTION 26.** 91.84 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 91.84 (1) (b) The department may designate agricultural enterprise areas  
12 with a combined area of not more than ~~2,000,000~~ 3,000,000 acres of land.

13 **SECTION 27.** 92.14 (16) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 92.14 (16) (title) COMMERCIAL NITROGEN OPTIMIZATION ~~PLOT~~ PROGRAM.

15 **SECTION 28.** 92.14 (16) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 92.14 (16) (a) In addition to any grants provided under sub. (3), the  
17 department shall award grants from the appropriation under s. 20.115 (7) ~~(ff)~~ (qm)  
18 to agricultural producers and to University of Wisconsin System institutions as  
19 provided under this subsection.

20 **SECTION 29.** 93.425 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 93.425 (3) Of the moneys appropriated under s. 20.115 (3) (b), the center for  
22 international agribusiness marketing shall ensure that \$2,500,000 is expended for  
23 the objective specified in sub. (2) (a), \$1,250,000 is expended for the objective  
24 specified in sub. (2) (b), and \$1,250,000 is expended for the objective specified in

1 sub. (2) (c). ~~The center may not expend more than \$1,000,000 under the program in~~  
2 ~~any fiscal year.~~

3 **SECTION 30.** 93.525 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **93.525 Meat processing tuition and curriculum development grants.**

5 (1) From the appropriation under s. 20.115 (3) (f), the department shall provide  
6 grants to universities, colleges, and technical colleges located in this state that have  
7 programs in meat processing to reimburse tuition costs of students enrolled in a  
8 meat processing program and for curriculum development for the meat processing  
9 program.

10 (2) Each tuition reimbursement made with a grant received under this  
11 section shall reimburse a student for not more than 80 percent of the first \$9,375 of  
12 the tuition cost for enrolling in a meat processing program.

13 **SECTION 31.** 93.53 of the statutes is created to read:

14 **93.53 Food waste reduction grants.** (1) The department shall provide  
15 grants for food waste reduction pilot projects that have an objective of preventing  
16 food waste, redirecting surplus food to hunger relief organizations, and composting  
17 food waste. In awarding grants under this section, the department shall give  
18 preference to proposals that serve census tracts for which the median household  
19 income is below the statewide median household income and in which no grocery  
20 store is located.

21 (2) The department shall promulgate rules for the administration of this  
22 section.

23 **SECTION 32.** 93.54 of the statutes is created to read:



1           **93.54 Dairy agriculture resilience investment now grant pilot**  
2 **program.** (1) PROGRAM. The department shall create a dairy agriculture  
3 resilience investment now grant pilot program, under which the department shall  
4 provide grants to dairy producers with fewer than 1,000 head of milking cows to  
5 fund projects designed to improve the dairy producers' operational efficiency and  
6 resilience.

7           (2) RULES. The department may promulgate rules to administer this section.

8           **SECTION 33.** 93.60 of the statutes is created to read:

9           **93.60 Transition to grass pilot program.** (1) DEFINITIONS. In this  
10 section:

11           (a) "Managed grazing" means a grazing system alternative to continuous  
12 grazing, in which pastured fields are subdivided into smaller paddocks, livestock  
13 density is controlled, and animals are rotated through paddocks at a frequency that  
14 maintains perennial grass-based vegetative cover, ensures regular access to fresh  
15 higher quality forage, and reduces soil compaction and erosion.

16           (b) "Marginal area" means land that is excluded from cultivation due to  
17 economic infeasibility or physical restriction for growing conventional crops, and  
18 includes riparian areas, low areas prone to flooding, and steep lands not conducive  
19 to conventional cultivation.

20           (2) TRANSITION TO GRASS PILOT PROGRAM. From the appropriation under s.  
21 20.115 (4) (t), the department shall create and administer a transition to grass pilot  
22 program that awards grants to farmers for managed grazing technical assistance  
23 and implementation support.

1           **(3) GRAZING GRANTS.** (a) Subject to par. (b), the transition to grass pilot  
2 program shall award grants to farmers for any of the following purposes:

3           1. To assist a farmer with establishing perennial forages for rotational  
4 grazing of livestock raised in a grass-based managed grazing system.

5           2. To provide assistance to a farmer in establishing harvestable continuous  
6 cover in marginal areas that can produce supplemental feed for livestock that is  
7 raised in a grass-based managed grazing system.

8           3. To provide a farmer with incentive payments during the first 3 years of the  
9 farmer's transition to grass-based managed grazing systems.

10          4. To assist a farmer with paying for grass-based managed grazing system  
11 infrastructure needs, including fencing, watering, and other livestock management  
12 infrastructure.

13          5. Technical assistance and support from a certified grazing specialist in  
14 developing grazing plans, including determining field layout, infrastructure setup,  
15 seed selection, and establishment of rotational grazing patterns.

16          (b) Grants awarded under par. (a) shall be awarded only to a farmer  
17 implementing a new grass-based managed grazing system or a new managed  
18 grazing practice that improves the conservation and financial performance of  
19 existing grazing systems; grants may not be awarded to a farmer for the support of  
20 the farmer's existing grazing practices.

21          (c) The department may not award more than \$40,000 in grants under par. (a)  
22 to any one grantee.

23          (d) In the year following the department's decision to grant an award under

1 par. (a), the department shall provide 75 percent of the award to the grantee, and in  
2 each of the 2nd and 3rd years following the department's decision to grant an award  
3 under par. (a), the department shall provide 12.5 percent of the award to the  
4 grantee.

5 (4) SUPPORT FOR FARMERS. (a) The transition to grass pilot program shall  
6 provide the following for farmers and persons in agribusiness:

7 1. Assistance in navigating and analyzing the economics of grass-based  
8 managed grazing and providing grass-fed livestock research, market development  
9 initiatives, and other market opportunities.

10 2. Best practices for meeting consumer demand for grass-fed livestock  
11 products.

12 3. Assistance in fostering innovation in and expanding farm and agribusiness  
13 strategies in grass-based managed grazing systems and grass-fed livestock  
14 practices.

15 (b) The department's division of agricultural development shall support the  
16 state's grass-fed livestock supply chain, including regional processors, aggregators,  
17 distributors, and markets.

18 **SECTION 34.** 93.61 of the statutes is created to read:

19 **93.61 Value-added agricultural practices.** (1) DEFINITION. In this  
20 section, "value-added agricultural product" means a farm product that satisfies any  
21 of the following:

22 (a) The product has undergone a change in physical state.

23 (b) The product is produced in a manner that enhances its value.

1 (c) The product is physically segregated in a manner that enhances its value.

2 (d) The product is a source of farm-based or ranch-based renewable energy.

3 (e) The product is aggregated and marketed as a locally produced farm  
4 product.

5 (2) VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. The department may provide  
6 education and technical assistance related to promoting and implementing  
7 agricultural practices that produce value-added agricultural products, including by  
8 doing all of the following:

9 (a) *Assistance for organic farming practices.* Providing education and  
10 technical assistance related to organic farming practices, including business and  
11 market development assistance; collaborating with organic producers, industry  
12 participants, and local organizations that coordinate organic farming; and  
13 stimulating interest and investment in organic production. The department may  
14 award grants from the appropriation under s. 20.115 (4) (ar) to organic producers,  
15 industry participants, and local organizations that coordinate organic farming. The  
16 department may award a grant to an organic producer, industry participant, or  
17 local organization under this paragraph for any of the following purposes:

18 1. Providing education and technical assistance related to implementing  
19 organic farming practices.

20 2. Helping to create organic farming plans.

21 3. Assisting farmers to transition to organic farming.

22 (b) *Grazing grants.* Awarding grants from the appropriation under s. 20.115

1 (4) (f) to appropriate entities to provide education and training to farmers about  
2 best practices related to grazing.

3 (c) *Promotion*. Helping producers market value-added agricultural products.

4 (3) RULES. The department may promulgate rules to administer this section.

5 **SECTION 35.** 93.62 of the statutes is created to read:

6 **93.62 Food security and Wisconsin products grant program.** The  
7 department may award grants from the appropriation under s. 20.115 (4) (aq) to  
8 nonprofit food banks, nonprofit food pantries, and other nonprofit organizations  
9 that provide food assistance for the purpose of purchasing food products that are  
10 made or grown in this state.

11 **SECTION 36.** 93.63 of the statutes is created to read:

12 **93.63 Farm to fork program. (1) DEFINITION.** In this section, “farm to fork  
13 program” means a program to connect entities that are not school districts and that  
14 have cafeterias to nearby farms to provide locally produced fresh fruits and  
15 vegetables, dairy products, and other nutritious, locally produced foods in meals  
16 and snacks; to help the public develop healthy eating habits; to provide nutritional  
17 and agricultural education; and to improve farmers’ incomes and direct access to  
18 markets.

19 **(2) GRANTS.** (a) The department may award grants from the appropriation  
20 under s. 20.115 (4) (at) to businesses, universities, hospitals, and other entities that  
21 are not school districts and that have cafeterias for the creation and expansion of  
22 farm to fork programs. The department shall give preference to proposals that are  
23 innovative or that provide models that other entities can adopt.

1           (b) In awarding grants under this section, the department shall promote  
2           agricultural development and farm profitability by supporting the development and  
3           adoption of practices and agribusiness opportunities that involve the production of  
4           value-added agricultural products. For purposes of this paragraph, “value-added  
5           agricultural product” means a farm product that satisfies any of the following:

6           1. The product has undergone a change in physical state.

7           2. The product is produced in a manner that enhances its value.

8           3. The product is physically segregated in a manner that enhances its value.

9           4. The product is a source of farm-based or ranch-based renewable energy.

10          5. The product is aggregated and marketed as a locally produced farm  
11          product.

12          (c) The department may award grants under this subsection for projects that  
13          do any of the following:

14          1. Create, expand, diversify, or promote production, processing, marketing,  
15          and distribution of food produced in this state for sale to entities in this state other  
16          than school districts.

17          2. Create, expand, or renovate facilities, including purchases of equipment for  
18          the facilities, that would ensure the use of food produced in this state in locations in  
19          this state other than schools.

20          3. Provide, expand, or promote training for food service personnel, farmers,  
21          and distributors.

22          4. Provide, expand, or promote nutritional and agricultural education.

1 (d) The department shall consult with interested persons to establish grant  
2 priorities for each fiscal year.

3 (3) REPORTS. At least annually, the department shall report to the legislature  
4 under s. 13.172 (2) and to the secretary on the needs and opportunities for farm to  
5 fork programs.

6 (4) RULES. The department may promulgate rules to administer this section.

7 **SECTION 37.** 93.67 of the statutes is created to read:

8 **93.67 Sandhill crane damage reimbursement program.** (1) In this  
9 section:

10 (a) “Eligible applicant” means a person that plants corn on land that is  
11 operated as part of a farm that produced at least \$6,000 in gross farm revenues  
12 during the taxable year preceding the year in which the person applies for  
13 reimbursement under this section.

14 (b) “Farm” means all land under common ownership that is primarily devoted  
15 to agricultural use.

16 (c) “Seed coating” means a nonlethal treatment registered for use on corn seed  
17 to discourage sandhill cranes from consuming the seed.

18 (2) (a) The department shall administer a program to provide  
19 reimbursements to eligible applicants for the purchase of seed coating that is  
20 applied as a seed treatment.

21 (b) A reimbursement under this section shall cover not more than 50 percent  
22 of the actual cost of the purchase of seed coating that is applied as a seed treatment  
23 and may not exceed \$6,250 per eligible applicant per planting season.

24 (c) From March 1 to June 15 of each year, eligible applicants may apply to the

1 department for reimbursement for seed coating purchased no earlier than  
2 November 1 of the prior year. Eligible applicants shall provide to the department  
3 proof of purchase and an application on a form provided by the department to be  
4 eligible to receive a reimbursement under this section.

5 (d) From the appropriation under s. 20.115 (7) (ac), the department shall  
6 prioritize reimbursement payments under par. (c) to all of the following:

7 1. Eligible applicants that received a federal depredation permit for sandhill  
8 crane in the previous year.

9 2. Eligible applicants that received reimbursement under this section in any  
10 of the prior 3 years or that can provide documentation of purchase of seed coating in  
11 any of the prior 3 years.

12 3. Eligible applicants planting corn on land vulnerable to sandhill crane  
13 depredation as determined by the department in consultation with the department  
14 of natural resources and applicable conservation organizations.

15 (e) After reimbursing all eligible applicants under par. (d), from the  
16 appropriation under s. 20.115 (7) (ac), the department shall make reimbursement  
17 payments to other eligible applicants that have experienced or are likely to  
18 experience seed or crop damage from sandhill cranes. The department shall make  
19 payments under this paragraph to eligible applicants in the order in which  
20 applications are received by the department.

21 (f) The department shall make all reimbursement payments under pars. (d)  
22 and (e) no later than September 15 of the year in which applications are made  
23 under par. (c).



1 (g) A farm is eligible to receive only one reimbursement payment per year  
2 under this section.

3 (3) The department shall compile an annual report detailing the number of  
4 reimbursements requested, the total dollar amount requested as reimbursement,  
5 the number of reimbursements issued, and the total dollar amount disbursed as  
6 reimbursement under this section. The department shall submit the report to the  
7 appropriate standing committees of the legislature in the manner provided in s.  
8 13.172 (3) no later than December 31 each year.

9 (4) The department may promulgate rules to establish prioritization of  
10 payments under sub. (2) (d) and (e), including identifying applicable conservation  
11 organizations under sub. (2) (d) 3. and determining whether eligible applicants  
12 have experienced or are likely to experience seed or crop damage under sub. (2) (e).

13 **SECTION 38.** 93.73 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 93.73 (2) (b) The department, after consultation with the council under sub.  
15 (13), shall solicit applications under sub. (3) at least annually. The department  
16 shall issue each solicitation in writing and shall publish a notice announcing the  
17 solicitation. In soliciting applications, the department may specify the total  
18 amount of funds available, application deadlines, application requirements and  
19 procedures, preliminary criteria for evaluating applications, and other relevant  
20 information.

21 **SECTION 39.** 93.74 of the statutes is created to read:

22 **93.74 Planning grants for regional biodigesters.** (1) GRANT PROGRAM.  
23 From the appropriation under s. 20.115 (7) (u), the department shall provide  
24 planning grants for establishing regional biodigesters.

1           (2) RULES. The department shall promulgate rules for the administration of  
2 this section.

3           **SECTION 40.** 93.75 of the statutes is created to read:

4           **93.75 Biodigester operator certification grants. (1) GRANTS.** From the  
5 appropriation under s. 20.115 (7) (da), the department shall award grants to  
6 individuals seeking biodigester operator certification.

7           (2) RULES. The department may promulgate rules establishing the  
8 application process and grant-awarding criteria for the biodigester operator  
9 certification grants.

10          **SECTION 41.** 97.26 of the statutes is created to read:

11          **97.26 Labeling of food product as milk. (1) PROHIBITION.** No person may  
12 label a food product as, or sell or offer for sale a food product that is labeled as, any  
13 type of “milk” unless the food product is at least one of the following:

14           (a) Milk, lowfat milk, skim milk, or nonfat dry milk.

15           (b) A product described in 21 CFR 131.110 to 131.147.

16           (c) Hooved or camelid mammals’ milk, as defined in s. 97.20 (1) (fm).

17          (2) RULES. The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

18          **SECTION 42.** 97.265 of the statutes is created to read:

19          **97.265 Labeling food as a type of dairy product. (1) DAIRY PRODUCTS.**  
20 No person may label a food product as, or sell or offer for sale a food product that is  
21 labeled as, a type of dairy product described in s. 97.20 (1) (b) 3. to 5. or a similar  
22 term unless the food product is a dairy product, as defined in s. 97.20 (1) (b).

23          (2) DAIRY INGREDIENTS. No person may label a food product as, or sell or offer

1 for sale a food product that is labeled as, a type of dairy ingredient unless the food  
2 product is derived from at least one of the following:

3 (a) Milk, lowfat milk, skim milk, or nonfat dry milk.

4 (b) A product described in 21 CFR 131.110 to 131.147.

5 (c) Hooved or camelid mammals' milk, as defined in s. 97.20 (1) (fm).

6 **(3) RULES.** The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

7 **SECTION 43.** 97.57 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

8 97.57 (4) No person may sell or offer for sale wild rice labeled "traditionally  
9 harvested" unless the wild rice is harvested using traditional wild rice harvesting  
10 methods of American Indian tribes or bands, as defined by the department by rule.  
11 The department shall obtain the advice and recommendations of the Great Lakes  
12 Inter-Tribal Council, Inc., before promulgating a rule defining a traditional wild  
13 rice harvesting method.

14 **SECTION 44.** 100.2091 of the statutes is created to read:

15 **100.2091 Broadband; discrimination prohibited.** (1) No broadband  
16 service provider may deny access to broadband service to any group of potential  
17 residential customers because of the race or income of the residents in the area in  
18 which the group resides.

19 (2) It is a defense to an alleged violation of sub. (1) based on income if, no later  
20 than 3 years after the date on which the broadband service provider began  
21 providing broadband service in this state, at least 30 percent of the households with  
22 access to the broadband service provider's broadband service in the area in which a  
23 group of potential residential customers resides are low-income households.

1           (3) The department may enforce this section and may promulgate rules to  
2     implement and administer this section, including rules that define low-income  
3     households, and to align department rules with federal communications  
4     commission broadband rules. The department of justice may represent the  
5     department in an action to enforce this section. If the court finds that a broadband  
6     service provider has not complied with this section, the court shall order the  
7     broadband service provider to comply with this section within a reasonable amount  
8     of time and, notwithstanding s. 814.14 (1), shall award costs, including reasonable  
9     attorney fees, to the department of justice.

10          (4) Any person that is affected by a failure to comply with this section may  
11     bring an action to enforce this section. If a court finds that a broadband service  
12     provider has not complied with this section, the court shall order the broadband  
13     service provider to comply with this section within a reasonable amount of time  
14     and, notwithstanding s. 814.14 (1), shall award costs, including reasonable attorney  
15     fees, to the person affected.

16          **SECTION 45.** 100.2092 of the statutes is created to read:

17          **100.2092 Broadband service subscriber rights. (1) RIGHTS. (a)** A  
18     broadband service provider shall repair broadband service within 72 hours after a  
19     subscriber reports a service interruption or requests the repair if the service  
20     interruption is not the result of a major system-wide or large area emergency, such  
21     as a natural disaster.

22          (b) Upon notification by a subscriber of a service interruption, a broadband  
23     service provider shall give the subscriber a credit for one day of broadband service

1 if broadband service is interrupted for more than 4 hours in one day and the  
2 interruption is caused by the broadband service provider.

3 (c) Upon notification by a subscriber of a service interruption, a broadband  
4 service provider shall give the subscriber a credit for each hour that broadband  
5 service is interrupted if broadband service is interrupted for more than 4 hours in  
6 one day and the interruption is not caused by the broadband service provider.

7 (d) Prior to entering into a service agreement with a subscriber, a broadband  
8 service provider shall disclose that a subscriber has a right to a credit for notifying  
9 the broadband service provider of a service interruption.

10 (e) A broadband service provider shall provide broadband service that  
11 satisfies minimum standards established by the department by rule.

12 (f) A broadband service provider shall give a subscriber at least 30 days'  
13 advance written notice before instituting a rate increase.

14 (g) A broadband service provider shall give a subscriber at least 7 days'  
15 advance written notice of any scheduled routine maintenance that causes a service  
16 slowdown, interruption, or outage.

17 (h) A broadband service provider shall give a subscriber at least 10 days'  
18 advance written notice of disconnecting service, unless the disconnection is  
19 requested by the subscriber.

20 (i) Prior to entering into a service agreement with a subscriber, a broadband  
21 service provider shall disclose the factors that may cause the actual broadband  
22 speed experience to vary, including the number of users and device limitations.

23 (j) A broadband service provider shall provide broadband service to a

1 subscriber as described in point-of-sale advertisements and representations made  
2 to the subscriber.

3 (k) A broadband service provider shall give a subscriber at least 10 days'  
4 advance written notice of a change in a factor that may cause the originally  
5 disclosed broadband speed experience to vary.

6 (L) A broadband service provider shall allow a subscriber to terminate a  
7 contract and receive a full refund without fees if the provider sells a service that  
8 does not satisfy the requirements established under par. (e) and the broadband  
9 service provider does not satisfy the requirements established under par. (e) within  
10 one month of written notification from the subscriber.

11 **(2) ADVERTISING.** A broadband service provider shall disclose the factors that  
12 may cause the actual broadband speed experience of a subscriber to vary, including  
13 the number of users and device limitations, in each advertisement of the speed of  
14 the provider's service, including in all of the following types of advertisements:

15 (a) Television and other commercials.

16 (b) Internet and email advertisements.

17 (c) Print advertisements and bill inserts.

18 (d) Any other advertising method or solicitation for the sale of new or  
19 upgraded broadband service.

20 **(3) RULES.** The department may promulgate rules to implement and  
21 administer this section, including rules to align department rules with federal  
22 communications commission broadband rules.

23 **(4) PENALTY; ENFORCEMENT.** (a) A person who violates this section may be

1 required to forfeit not more than \$1,000 for each violation and not more than  
2 \$10,000 for each occurrence. Failure to give a notice required under sub. (1) (f) to  
3 more than one subscriber shall be considered one violation.

4 (b) The department or a district attorney may institute civil proceedings  
5 under this section.

6 **SECTION 46.** 100.306 of the statutes is created to read:

7 **100.306 Prohibited selling practices upon the occurrence of a severe**  
8 **thunderstorm.** (1) DEFINITIONS. In this section:

9 (a) “Consumer goods or services” means goods or services that are used  
10 primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

11 (b) “Restoration and mitigation services provider” means a person that  
12 provides a service to prevent further damage or provide protection to property  
13 following a fire, smoke, water, or storm event.

14 (c) “Severe thunderstorm” means a weather event in which any of the  
15 following occurs:

- 16 1. Hail that is one inch or greater in diameter.
- 17 2. Wind gusts in excess of 50 knots.
- 18 3. A tornado.

19 (2) PROHIBITION. Upon the occurrence of a severe thunderstorm, a residential  
20 building contractor, tree trimmer, or restoration and mitigation services provider  
21 operating within the geographic region impacted by the severe thunderstorm and  
22 repairing damage caused by the severe thunderstorm may not do any of the  
23 following:

- 24 (a) Charge an unreasonably excessive price for labor in comparison to the

1 market price charged for comparable services in the geographic region impacted by  
2 the severe thunderstorm.

3 (b) Charge an insurance company a rate for a consumer good or service that  
4 exceeds what the residential building contractor, tree trimmer, or restoration and  
5 mitigation services provider would otherwise charge a member of the general public  
6 for the consumer good or service.

7 (3) RULES. The department shall promulgate rules to establish formulas or  
8 other standards to be used in determining whether a price for labor is unreasonably  
9 excessive under sub. (2) (a).

10 (4) ENFORCEMENT; PENALTY. If a person violates sub. (2), the department or,  
11 after consulting with the department, the department of justice may commence an  
12 action against a person in the name of the state to recover a civil forfeiture of not  
13 more than \$1,000 per violation or to temporarily or permanently restrain or enjoin  
14 the person from violating sub. (2), or both.

15 **SECTION 47.** 165.25 (4) (ar) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 165.25 (4) (ar) The department of justice shall furnish all legal services  
17 required by the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection relating  
18 to the enforcement of ss. 91.68, 93.73, 100.171, 100.173, 100.174, 100.175, 100.177,  
19 100.18, 100.182, 100.195, 100.20, 100.205, 100.207, 100.209, 100.2091, 100.2092,  
20 100.21, 100.28, 100.37, 100.42, 100.50, 100.51, 100.55, and 846.45 and chs. 126,  
21 136, 344, 704, 707, and 779, together with any other services as are necessarily  
22 connected to the legal services.

23 **SECTION 48.** 196.5048 of the statutes is created to read:



1           **196.5048 Internet service provider registration.** No person may provide  
2 Internet service in this state unless the person registers with the commission.

3           **SECTION 49.** 704.05 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4           704.05 (2) POSSESSION OF TENANT AND ACCESS BY LANDLORD. Until the  
5 expiration date specified in the lease, or the termination of a periodic tenancy or  
6 tenancy at will, and so long as the tenant is not in default, the tenant has the right  
7 to exclusive possession of the premises, except as hereafter provided. The landlord  
8 may upon advance notice and at reasonable times inspect the premises, allow a city,  
9 village, town, or county inspector access for an inspection, make repairs, and show  
10 the premises to prospective tenants or purchasers; and if the tenant is absent from  
11 the premises and the landlord reasonably believes that entry is necessary to  
12 preserve or protect the premises, the landlord may enter without notice and with  
13 such force as appears necessary.

14           **SECTION 50.** 704.07 (2) (bm) 1. of the statutes is repealed.

15           **SECTION 51.** 704.07 (2) (bm) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

16           704.07 (2) (bm) 3. The violation presents a ~~significant~~ threat to the  
17 prospective tenant's health or safety.

18           **SECTION 52.** 704.07 (5) of the statutes is repealed.

19           **SECTION 9102. Nonstatutory provisions; Agriculture, Trade and**  
20 **Consumer Protection.**

21           (1) EMERGENCY RULES FOR SANDHILL CRANE DAMAGE REIMBURSEMENT  
22 PROGRAM. The department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection may use  
23 the procedure under s. 227.24 to promulgate emergency rules under s. 93.67 (4) for

1 the period before the date on which permanent rules under s. 93.67 (4) take effect.  
2 Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (c) and (2), emergency rules promulgated under this  
3 subsection remain in effect until the first day of the 25th month beginning after the  
4 effective date of the emergency rules, the date on which the permanent rules take  
5 effect, or the effective date of the repeal of the emergency rules, whichever is earlier.  
6 Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a) and (3), the department of agriculture, trade and  
7 consumer protection is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule  
8 under this subsection as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of  
9 public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of  
10 emergency for a rule promulgated under this subsection.

11 (2) MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM STAFF. Notwithstanding s. 230.27 (1), the  
12 termination date of 2.0 meat inspection project positions provided to the  
13 department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection under 2021 Act 58 is  
14 extended by 2 years.

15 (?) POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS. The authorized positions for the department of  
16 agriculture, trade and consumer protection are increased as provided in 2025  
17 Senate Bill 45.

18 **SECTION 9302. Initial applicability; Agriculture, Trade and Consumer**  
19 **Protection.**

20 (1) SUBSCRIBERS PERMITTED TO TERMINATE BROADBAND CONTRACTS. The  
21 treatment of s. 100.2092 (1) (L) first applies to a contract that is entered into,  
22 renewed, or modified on the effective date of this subsection.

23 **SECTION 9436. Effective dates; Public Service Commission.**

1 (1) INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT. The treatment  
2 of s. 196.5048 takes effect on January 1, 2026.”.

**(END)**