

CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM

Date: Wednesday, May 16th, 2023

To: Legislative Colleagues

From: Senator Rob Stafsholt
Representative Gae Magnafici

Re: Co-Sponsorship of LRB-1333/1, relating to: exempting certain farm owners from campground licensing.

DEADLINE: May 26th, 2023 at 5:00 PM

The proposed bill would allow farm owners to offer three or fewer campsites on their property without needing a campground license, as currently required by state statute. Statutes generally require all campgrounds to obtain a license from DATCP or from a local health department acting as an agent of DATCP, and to comply with regulations established by DATCP.

Currently, for a campground with between 1 and 25 campsites to be licensed, there is an annual fee of \$175, with a one-time pre-inspection fee of \$380. This bill would not only promote Wisconsin's rich farming heritage with the non-farming general public, but will help continue to grow Wisconsin's blooming agricultural tourism.

If you would like to become a co-sponsor of this legislation, please contact Senator Stafsholt's office at 6-7745 or Representative Magnafici's office at 7-9128 by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 26th. By default, you will be added as a co-sponsor to both the Senate and Assembly versions of the legislation unless you specify otherwise.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection must issue licenses to and regulate campgrounds, and a person may not manage or operate a campground without such a license. Under this bill, a person may operate a campground without a campground license if the campground is located on the person's farm, the person's farm has no more than one campground, and the campground has three or fewer campsites.