



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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| 2017 Wisconsin Act 225 [2017 Assembly Bill 536] | Micro Markets |
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Under state law, the operator of a retail food establishment must be licensed by the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP), or an agent city or county in order to operate.¹ The entity issuing a license to a retail food establishment is prohibited from issuing the license until **after** it inspects the retail food establishment for compliance with certain statutes and rules. Certain retail food establishments are also required to pay an annual license fee based generally on food sales at the retail food establishment, and must also pay certain inspection and reinspection fees, among other requirements.

2017 Wisconsin Act 225 provides for the regulation of a “micro market,” defined generally in the Act as an indoor, unstaffed, self-checkout kiosk that sells food and beverages to a limited group of people, such as employees, and not the general public.

Under the Act, a micro market is a retail food establishment and is, therefore, generally subject to the same regulations as other retail food establishments, except certain provisions, including:

- A licensing entity may issue a license to a micro market **before** inspection, but inspection must be completed within one year of licensure.
- The annual license fee is set at \$40 for one micro market, or \$60 for two or more micro markets located in the same building.
- Micro markets are exempt from certain inspection and reinspection fees.

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¹ “Agent city or county” means a city or county granted agent status by DATCP under s. 97.41, Stats.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.