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FARM EQUIPMENT LEMON LAW PASSES ASSEMBLY

Measure gives farmers relief for defective implements of husbandry

MADISON... Farmers would receive much-needed protection from extreme defects in newly purchased agricultural equipment and certainty for their operations under a new “Lemon Law” that cleared the State Assembly today.

State Sen. André Jacque (R-De Pere), co-author of the proposal with State Rep. Paul Tittl, said farmers in Wisconsin have been put in a devastating bind in both excessive repairs and lost productivity for a major part of their agricultural investment when there are frequently recurring defects in their most critical and expensive farm equipment.

“Even when a substandard apparatus is under warranty, many farmers run into major problems as the equipment will continue to breakdown even after they get it back from the repair shop or manufacturer,” Sen. Jacque said. “Because of the technological advancements of farm equipment in recent years, farmers are more reliant on manufacturers for repair and service. This bill will ensure that farmers will be able to get back out into the field with the vital equipment needed for planting, harvesting and keeping our agricultural economy humming.”

Sen. Jacque said under the bill, if the defect has been subject to repair at least four times, and it persists, or if the equipment is out of service for a period of thirty days while under warranty, the consumer would be entitled to a replacement or a full refund.

“A lemon law provides a remedy when certain products, such as cars and trucks, are found to be repeatedly defective while under warranty. If a buyer’s farm equipment under warranty remains defective, the authorized dealer or manufacturer must repair it.”

Sen. Jacque said this measure is modeled after our current automotive lemon law. States that already have lemon laws relating to farm equipment include Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Virginia.

“Most states have lemon laws, and Wisconsin has had a lemon law pertaining to cars, trucks, and SUV’s since 1984,” Sen. Jacque said. “This bill is comparable to our current auto lemon law, but focuses instead on farmers and their farm equipment.

The legislation ([Assembly Bill 14](#)) passed Assembly committee unanimously last week. The measure now heads to the State Senate and must be signed by the Governor to become law.

Senator André Jacque represents Northeast Wisconsin’s First Senate District, consisting of Door and Kewaunee Counties and portions of Brown, Calumet, Manitowoc, and Outagamie counties.

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