



## 2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 51

March 1, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives WACHS, MILROY, HEBL, JORGENSEN, OHNSTAD, POPE, BERCEAU and BROOKS, cosponsored by Senators LEHMAN, LASSA, RISSER and HARRIS. Referred to Committee on Government Operations and State Licensing.

- 1     **AN ACT to create** 19.45 (8m) of the statutes; **relating to:** employment by a former  
2             member of the legislature as a lobbyist.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill prohibits any individual who serves as a member of the legislature, for 24 months following the date on which the individual ceases to hold office, from being employed as a lobbyist. “Lobbyist” is defined as an individual who is compensated by a principal and whose duties include attempting to influence state legislative action or state administrative rule-making action on behalf of the principal; if an individual’s duties on behalf of a principal are not limited exclusively to lobbying, the individual is a lobbyist only if he or she makes lobbying communications on each of at least five days during a six-month reporting period.

Violators of the prohibition are subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of not more than \$5,000 for each violation. Intentional violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and are subject to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year or both for each violation.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

