2015 Wisconsin Act 163 [2015 Assembly Bill 778]

Charitable Organizations, the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes, and Professional Employer Organizations

2015 Wisconsin Act 163 makes a variety of changes to the regulation of charitable organizations, individuals who solicit on behalf of charitable organizations, and professional employer organizations. The initial legislation resulting in the Act was requested by the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) as an update to current statutes.

In summary, the Act does the following:

- Modifies registration and reporting requirements for charitable organizations, professional fundraisers, fundraising counsel, and professional employer organizations.
- Modifies certain content, disclosure, and recording requirements for transactions between charitable organizations and professional fundraisers.
- Prohibits the use of certain acts of misrepresentation in the solicitation of funds.
- Permits DFI to make changes to filing thresholds using a passive review process with the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules.

The provisions of the Act have a delayed effective date of June 1, 2016.

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1 A professional employer organization is a company engaged in the business of contracting to provide to its clients a nontemporary, ongoing workforce paid by the company from its own account.

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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](http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov).