



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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 organizations¹. 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.

Effective date: 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.

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>.