

State of Wisconsin



2017 Assembly Bill 494

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2017 WISCONSIN ACT 112

AN ACT *to amend* 19.56 (3) (f) and 19.59 (1) (a) of the statutes; **relating to**: allowing local public officials to receive anything of value that the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation or the Department of Tourism is authorized to provide.

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

SECTION 1. 19.56 (3) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

19.56 (3) (f) A state public official or a local public official may receive and retain from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation anything of value which the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation is authorized to provide under par. (e) and may receive and retain from the department of tourism anything of value which the department of tourism is authorized to provide under par. (em).

SECTION 2. 19.59 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

19.59 (1) (a) No local public official may use his or her public position or office to obtain financial gain or

anything of substantial value for the private benefit of himself or herself or his or her immediate family, or for an organization with which he or she is associated. A violation of this paragraph includes the acceptance of free or discounted admissions to a professional baseball or football game by a member of the district board of a local professional baseball park district created under subch. III of ch. 229 or a local professional football stadium district created under subch. IV of ch. 229. This paragraph does not prohibit a local public official from using the title or prestige of his or her office to obtain campaign contributions that are permitted and reported as required by ch. 11. This paragraph does not prohibit a local public official from obtaining anything of value from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation or the department of tourism, as provided under s. 19.56 (3) (f).

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."