



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 112
[2017 Assembly Bill 494]

**Limited Ethics Law Exception for
Local Officials**

Prior law, retained by the Act, provides a limited exception to the state ethics code to allow state officials to receive and retain items of value from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) or the Department of Tourism in certain circumstances involving the promotion of trade or Wisconsin businesses and tourism. Specifically, a state official may receive and retain anything of value from WEDC as part of a trade promotion trip sponsored by WEDC or for the purpose of hosting individuals to promote business, economic development, or certain conferences. A state official may receive and retain anything of value from the Department of Tourism for the purpose of hosting individuals in order to promote tourism.

2017 Wisconsin Act 112 specifically authorizes local officials to receive things of value from WEDC or the Department of Tourism in the same circumstances as apply to state officials.

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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>.