

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 304 [2015 Assembly Bill 807]

Credit Union Operations

Under current law, credit unions are generally regulated by the Department of Financial Institutions' (DFI) Office of Credit Unions (OCU) under the authority of ch. 186, Stats., and chs. DFI-CU 51-75, Wis. Adm. Code.

2015 Wisconsin Act 304 makes a number of changes to statutes regulating credit unions, including the following:

- Requiring credit unions to maintain reserves at the levels required by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).
- Permitting OCU to accept an examination done by NCUA in lieu of conducting its own investigation.
- Eliminating a 1% reserve limit on donations and grants approved by a Credit Union Board of Directors.
- Modifying conflict of interest prohibitions to permit director interests if the material facts are disclosed and the transaction is fair to the credit union.
- Establishing a procedure for a group of credit union members to inspect and copy records and proceedings of a credit union.
- Authorizing credit unions and OCU to provide confidential examination reports to certain individuals who agree to maintain the confidentiality of the reports in writing.
- Revising the oaths of office for credit union directors, officers, and employees.
- Permitting members who have been expelled from a credit union to petition for reinstatement.
- Repealing the statutes which relate to credit union finance organizations.

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: <u>http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov</u>.

• Repealing a statute that limits the value of a building used for credit union operations.

The Act also modifies administrative rules regarding the location of automated teller machines and preferential treatment for loan officers.

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