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1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 24

January 19, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives FREESE, WALKER, JOHNSRUD, DUFF, ZIEGELBAUER, NASS, REYNOLDS, JENSEN, HANSON, HAHN, BAUMGART, ALBERS, BLACK, SILBAUGH, AINSWORTH, WARD, HARSDORF, BRANDEMUEHL, DOBYNS, GOETSCH, LADWIG, OWENS, OTTE and SERATTI, cosponsored by Senators DRZEWIECKI, SCHULTZ and CLAUSING. Referred to Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

AN ACT ***to create*** 19.45 (8m) of the statutes; **relating to:** service by a former member of the legislature as a lobbyist.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits any individual who serves as a member of the legislature, for 12 months following the date on which the individual ceases to hold office, from being employed as a lobbyist. A "lobbyist" means an individual who is compensated by a principal and whose duties include attempting to influence state legislative action or state administrative rule–making action on behalf of the principal, except that an individual whose duties on behalf of a principal are not limited exclusively to lobbying is a "lobbyist" only if the individual makes lobbying communications on each of at least 5 days during a 6–month reporting period.

Violators are subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of not more than $5,000 for each violation. Intentional violators are subject to a fine of not less than $100 nor more than $5,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year or both for each violation (a misdemeanor).

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

SECTION 1. 19.45 (8m) of the statutes is created to read:

19.45 **(8m)** No individual who serves as a member of the legislature, for 12 months following the date on which the individual ceases to hold office, may be employed as a lobbyist as defined in s. 13.62 (11).

(END)