



2007 SENATE BILL 402

1 **AN ACT relating to:** expenditure of \$228,792.62 from moneys appropriated to the
2 Department of Administration in payment of a claim against the state to
3 indemnify Georgia Thompson, a state of Wisconsin employee.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

4 **SECTION 1. Claim against the state.** The state shall pay Hurley, Burish and
5 Stanton, S.C., of Madison, Wisconsin, \$228,792.62 from the appropriation under
6 section 20.505 (1) (kf) of the statutes, as affected by the laws of 2007, to indemnify
7 Department of Administration employee Georgia Thompson, Madison, Wisconsin,
8 for the costs of defending her in a criminal action that was filed against her for acts
9 performed during the course of and within the scope of her state employment. Ms.
10 Thompson was convicted in federal court in 2006 of misapplication of funds and theft

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1 of honest services relating to her duties as a state employee. The U.S. Court of
2 Appeals later reversed the conviction and entered a judgment of acquittal. Ms.
3 Thompson, through her attorneys, made a claim against the state for
4 indemnification of the defense costs including attorney fees, costs, disbursements,
5 a fine, and a special assessment totaling \$228,792.62. Acceptance of this payment
6 releases this state and its officers, employees, and agents from any further liability
7 or indemnity to Hurley, Burish and Stanton, S.C., or to Ms. Thompson resulting from
8 the arrest, conviction, and subsequent acquittal of Ms. Thompson for acts performed
9 during the scope of her employment in connection with this matter.

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