



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2007 Wisconsin Act 219
[2007 Senate Bill 549]

Real Estate Transfer Returns

Under prior law, the information contained in a real estate transfer return was confidential, except that the returns could be used by various governmental agencies, and in condemnation proceedings, for specific purposes.

Wisconsin Act 219 amends the law to specifically provide that those persons or entities making use of real estate transfer returns must maintain the confidentiality of Social Security numbers and telephone numbers from the returns. The Act also provides that real estate transfer returns filed on or after July 1, 2009, must be filed electronically, unless the Secretary of the Department of Revenue waives the requirement if the secretary determines, based on a written application for a waiver, that the requirement causes an undue hardship.

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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.state.wi.us/>.