



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2007 Senate Bill 359**

**Senate Amendment 1**

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*Current law* provides that no person may ask for or receive from a candidate any gift of anything of value for a religious, charitable, or fraternal cause. No candidate may make, intimate, or promise such a gift.

*Senate Bill 359* amends the law to provide that a person may take or receive from a candidate a gift of anything of value for a religious or charitable organization. A candidate also may make, intimate, or promise a gift of anything of value for a religious or charitable organization.

*Senate Amendment 1* amends the bill to delete the reference to a religious organization, because it is a redundant reference. The definition of the term “charitable organization” in s. 11.01 (2), Stats., includes a religious organization.

### *Legislative History*

On February 14, 2008, the Senate Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations introduced and adopted Senate Amendment 1 and recommended Senate Bill 359 for passage, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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