



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 245

April 30, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives BLACK, CLARK, BROOKS, SMITH, HILGENBERG, ZIEGELBAUER, BERCEAU, POPE-ROBERTS, HEBL, BENEDICT, BIES and POCAN, cosponsored by Senators LASSA, SCHULTZ, LEHMAN and CARPENTER. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Ethics.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 19.45 (8m) of the statutes; **relating to:** service by a former
2 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 five days during a six-month reporting period.

Violators are subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of not more than \$5,000 for each violation. Intentional violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and 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.

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

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

