



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2011 Assembly Bill 391	Assembly Amendment 1
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2011 Assembly Bill 391 adopts the Uniform Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act that was adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2005. The bill generally requires that circuits courts in Wisconsin recognize a judgment of a court of a foreign country, subject to the provisions in the bill. A “foreign country” means a government other than the following: (1) the U.S. government; (2) the government of a state, district, commonwealth, territory, or insular possession of the United States; or (3) any other government with regard to which the decision in this state as to whether to recognize the judgment of that government’s courts is initially subject to a determination under the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

Assembly Amendment 1 excludes a federally recognized Indian tribe or band in Wisconsin from the definition of “foreign country.” As a result, under the amendment, the provisions in the bill would not apply to a federally recognized Indian tribe or band in Wisconsin.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative D. Cullen. On February 2, 2012, the Assembly Committee on Judiciary and Ethics recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 2. The committee then recommended passage of Assembly Bill 391, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 2.

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