

2017 Assembly Bill 494 (LRB -4054)

An Act to amend 19.56 (3) (f) and 19.59 (1) (a) of the statutes; relating to: allowing local public officials to receive anything of value that the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation or the Department of Tourism is authorized to provide.

2017

09-13. A. Introduced by Representatives **August, Loudenbeck, Steffen, Kulp, Gannon, Ripp, Felzkowski and Kuglitsch**; cosponsored by Senator Nass. 397

09-13. A. Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs 397

09-20. A. Public hearing held

10-11. A. Executive action taken

10-13. A. Report passage recommended by Committee on State Affairs, Ayes 10, Noes 2 472

10-13. A. Referred to committee on Rules 472

10-31. A. Placed on calendar 11-2-2017 by Committee on Rules

11-02. A. Read a second time 507

11-02. A. Ordered to a third reading 507

11-02. A. Rules suspended 508

11-02. A. Read a third time and **passed** 508

11-02. A. Ordered immediately messaged 508

11-03. S. Received from Assembly 532

11-03. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Senate Organization 532

11-03. S. Available for scheduling

11-03. S. Public hearing requirement waived by committee on Senate Organization, pursuant to Senate Rule 18 (1m), Ayes 3, Noes 2 531

11-03. S. Placed on calendar 11-7-2017 pursuant to Senate Rule 18(1) 531

11-07. S. Read a second time

11-07. S. Ordered to a third reading

11-07. S. Rules suspended

11-07. S. Read a third time and **concurred in**

11-07. S. Ordered immediately messaged

11-08. A. Received from Senate concurred in 533

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Adopted Documents

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Amendments: None or Listed below.

Corrections: None or Listed by date below.

Topic: Same as relating clause or other, indicated below.

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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 494

September 13, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives AUGUST, LOUDENBECK, STEFFEN, KULP, GANNON, RIPP, FELZKOWSKI and KUGLITSCH, cosponsored by Senator NASS. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 19.56 (3) (f) and 19.59 (1) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 allowing local public officials to receive anything of value that the Wisconsin
3 Economic Development Corporation or the Department of Tourism is
4 authorized to provide.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law allows a state public official to receive anything of value from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation for the purpose of taking a trip to a foreign country primarily to promote trade or hosting individuals in order to promote business, economic development, or tourism. Current law also allows a state public official to receive anything of value from the Department of Tourism for the purpose of housing individuals in order to promote tourism. This bill allows a local public official to receive anything of value from WEDC or the Department of Tourism that a state public official is allowed to receive.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 19.56 (3) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:
6 19.56 (3) (f) A state public official or a local public official may receive and
7 retain from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation anything of value

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1 which the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation is authorized to provide
2 under par. (e) and may receive and retain from the department of tourism anything
3 of value which the department of tourism is authorized to provide under par. (em).

4 **SECTION 2.** 19.59 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 19.59 (1) (a) No local public official may use his or her public position or office
6 to obtain financial gain or anything of substantial value for the private benefit of
7 himself or herself or his or her immediate family, or for an organization with which
8 he or she is associated. A violation of this paragraph includes the acceptance of free
9 or discounted admissions to a professional baseball or football game by a member of
10 the district board of a local professional baseball park district created under subch.
11 III of ch. 229 or a local professional football stadium district created under subch. IV
12 of ch. 229. This paragraph does not prohibit a local public official from using the title
13 or prestige of his or her office to obtain campaign contributions that are permitted
14 and reported as required by ch. 11. This paragraph does not prohibit a local public
15 official from obtaining anything of value from the Wisconsin Economic Development
16 Corporation or the department of tourism, as provided under s. 19.56 (3) (f).

17 (END)