



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 234
[2017 Assembly Bill 489]

**Change to Eligibility for a
“Qualified New Business
Venture”**

Under state law, investors in certain businesses may receive a tax credit under the Angel and Early Stage Seed Investment tax credit programs. In order for an investor in a business to receive a tax credit, the business must be certified as a Qualified New Business Venture (QNBV) by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

The statutes set forth numerous conditions for a business to be eligible to be certified as a QNBV, including being headquartered in Wisconsin and being engaged in certain industries, such as manufacturing and biotechnology. Under **prior law**, an eligible QNBV could not have received more than \$8 million in investments that qualified for tax credits under the Angel and Early Stage Seed Investment tax credit programs.

2017 Wisconsin Act 234 raises that threshold to \$12 million so that an eligible QNBV cannot have received more than \$12 million in investments that qualified for tax credits under the Angel and Early Stage Seed Investment tax credit programs. The Act applies for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.