



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 463
[2005 Assembly Bill 639]

**Exemption for Certain Tribal
Officials Under the Lobbying Law**

Under the state's lobbying law, a lobbyist is required to obtain a license to lobby and a person who employs a lobbyist is required to report to the Ethics Board certain information regarding the lobbyist's activities. Also, lobbyists are prohibited from engaging in certain practices. Elected state and local officials and legislative employees are exempt from the requirement to obtain a lobbying license, and their employers are exempt from the reporting requirements. These persons are *not* exempt from the prohibitions on the specified practices.

2005 Wisconsin Act 463 extends the exemption from the licensing and reporting requirements that applies to state and local elected officials and legislative employees to apply equally to elected tribal officials. The Act does *not* exempt tribal officials from the prohibitions on the specified practices.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on June 10, 2006.

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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.state.wi.us/>.