



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 257

March 23, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives BLACK, LA FAVE, HAHN, R. YOUNG, ROBSON, REYNOLDS, BELL, NOTESTEIN, BOCK, BAUMGART, PLOMBON, DUEHOLM and CARPENTER, cosponsored by Senator MOEN. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT to create** 19.42 (15) and 19.45 (6m) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 employment of a state public official by an employer that receives substantial
3 revenue from lobbyists or principals for the purpose of engaging in lobbying.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits any state public official (elective or major appointive official) from being an employe of an employer if that employer receives revenue aggregating \$5,000 or more in the current or preceding calendar year from one or more lobbyists or principals for the purpose of engaging in lobbying with respect to state legislative action or rule making by any state agency. Currently, there is no such prohibition.

Violators are subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of not more than \$500 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 in the county jail, or both, for each violation.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 19.42 (15) of the statutes is created to read:
5 19.42 (15) “Substantial revenue” means revenue of \$5,000 or more in the
6 preceding or current calendar year.
7 **SECTION 2.** 19.45 (6m) of the statutes is created to read:
8 19.45 (6m) No state public official may be an employe of an employer if that
9 employer receives substantial revenue from one or more lobbyists as defined in s.

1 13.62 (11) or principals as defined in s. 13.62 (12) for the purpose of engaging in
2 lobbying as defined in s. 13.62 (10).

3 (END)