

## State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



## 2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 699

March 15, 2012 – Introduced by Representatives Barca, Richards, Pocan, Berceau, Roys, Grigsby, Turner, Pope-Roberts, Bewley, Molepske Jr, Mason, Hebl, Toles and C. Taylor, cosponsored by Senators Miller, Vinehout and Erpenbach. Referred to Committee on Homeland Security and State Affairs.

- AN ACT *to amend* 16.846 (title) and 16.846 (1) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:**prohibiting promulgation or enforcement of certain rules or policies relating to public access to the state capitol building.
  - Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, the Department of Administration (DOA) is directed to promulgate and enforce rules of conduct for property that is leased or managed by DOA, which includes the state capitol building. The rules may prescribe penalties for violations within certain limitations specified by law.

This bill provides that DOA shall not enforce any rule or policy relating to public access to the state capitol building that would infringe upon the rights of any resident of this state under the U.S. Constitution and the constitution of this state to freedom of speech or assembly or to petition the government.

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

- **SECTION 1.** 16.846 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 5 16.846 (title) Rules and policies relating to use, care and preservation
- 6 of property under department control.

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**Section 2.** 16.846 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.846 (1) (a) The department shall promulgate under ch. 227, and shall enforce or have enforced, rules of conduct for property leased or managed by the department. The department shall not promulgate or enforce any rule or policy relating to public access to the state capitol building that would infringe upon the rights of any resident of this state under the U.S. Constitution and the constitution of this state to freedom of speech or assembly or to petition the government. Unless the <u>a</u> rule specifies a penalty as provided under par. (b), a person found guilty of violating a rule promulgated under this subsection shall be fined not more than \$100 or imprisoned for not more than 30 days or both.

11 (END)