2017 Wisconsin Act 248
[2017 Assembly Bill 553]

Prohibition on State and Local Boycotts of Israel and Eligibility for State Procurement Contracts

2017 Wisconsin Act 248 prohibits any state agency or other body in state government and any local governmental unit, including a special purpose district, from adopting a rule, ordinance, policy, or procedure that involves the state agency or local governmental unit in a “prohibited boycott,” defined in the Act as a boycott of Israel or a person doing business in Israel or in a territory under Israeli jurisdiction.

The Act also requires contracts with an estimated cost of $100,000 or more for materials, supplies, equipment, and services between state purchasing agents and a company, as defined in the Act, to include a provision that the company is not currently participating, or will not for the duration of the contract, participate in a prohibited boycott.

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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.