



State of Wisconsin
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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 431**

October 27, 1999 - Offered by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PERSONAL PRIVACY.

1 **AN ACT to create** 137.01 (5m) of the statutes; **relating to:** confidentiality of
2 documents reviewed by notary publics.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 137.01 (5m) of the statutes is created to read:

4 137.01 (5m) CONFIDENTIALITY. (a) Except as provided in par. (b), a notary public
5 shall keep confidential all documents and information contained in any documents
6 reviewed by the notary public while performing his or her duties as a notary public
7 and may release the documents or the information to a 3rd person only with the
8 written consent of the person who requested the services of the notary public.

9 (b) Deposition transcripts may be released to all parties of record in an action.
10 A notary public may not release deposition transcripts that have not been made part
11 of the public record to a 3rd party without the written consent of all parties to the
12 action and the deponent. When a deposition transcript has been made part of the

1 public record, a notary public who is also a court reporter may, subject to a protective
2 order or agreement to the contrary, prohibit the release of the deposition transcript
3 or sell the transcript to 3rd parties without the consent of the person who requested
4 the services of the notary public.

5 (c) Any notary public violating this subsection shall be subject to the provisions
6 of sub. (8) and may be required to forfeit not more than \$500.

7 (END)