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CHAPTER 284.

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 327.29 of the statutes, relating to photographic copies of business and public records as evidence and for the purpose of making uniform the law relating thereto.

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

327.29 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

327.29 UNIFORM PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC RECORDS AS EVIDENCE ACT. (1) If any business, institution, member of a profession or calling, or any department or agency of government, in the regular course

of business or activity has kept or recorded any memorandum, writing, entry, print, representation or combination thereof, of any act, transaction, occurrence or event, and in the regular course of business has caused any or all of the same to be recorded, copied or reproduced by any photographic, photostatic, microfilm, microcard, miniature photographic, or other process which accurately reproduces or forms a durable medium for so reproducing the original, the original may be destroyed in the regular course of business, provided the provisions of sections 44.08, 44.09, 59.716 and 59.717 have been met, unless held in a custodial or fiduciary capacity or unless its preservation is required by law. Such reproduction, when satisfactorily identified, is as admissible in evidence as the original itself in any judicial or administrative proceeding whether the original is in existence or not and an enlargement or facsimile of such reproduction is likewise admissible in evidence if the original reproduction is in existence and available for inspection under direction of court. The introduction of a reproduced record, enlargement or facsimile, does not preclude admission of the original.

(2) This section shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose of making uniform the law of those states which enact it.

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