

1983 Assembly Bill 321

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1983 Wisconsin Act 434

AN ACT *to create* 940.22 of the statutes, *relating to* sexual contact between a therapist and patient and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. 940.22 of the statutes is created to read:

940.22 Sexual exploitation by therapist. (1) In this section:

- (a) "Physician" has the meaning designated in s. 448.01 (5).
- (b) "Psychologist" means a person who practices psychology, as described in s. 455.01 (5).
- (c) "Psychotherapy" has the meaning designated in s. 455.01 (6).
- (d) "Sexual contact" has the meaning designated in s. 940.225 (5) (a).
- (e) "Therapist" means a physician, psychologist, social worker or other person providing psychotherapy services.

(2) Any person who is or who holds himself or herself out to be a therapist and who intentionally has sexual contact with a patient or client during any treatment, consultation, interview or examination is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
