

State of Wisconsin



1995 Assembly Bill 628

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1995 WISCONSIN ACT 447

AN ACT to create 895.525 (4m) of the statutes; relating to: liability of a person engaged in contact sports activities.

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

SECTION 1. 895.525 (4m) of the statutes is created to read:

895.525 (4m) LIABILITY OF CONTACT SPORTS PARTICIPANTS. (a) A participant in a recreational activity that includes physical contact between persons in a sport involving amateur teams, including teams in recreational, municipal, high school and college leagues, may be liable for an injury inflicted on another participant during and as part of that sport in a tort action only if the participant

who caused the injury acted recklessly or with intent to cause injury.

(b) Unless the professional league establishes a clear policy with a different standard, a participant in an athletic activity that includes physical contact between persons in a sport involving professional teams in a professional league may be liable for an injury inflicted on another participant during and as part of that sport in a tort action only if the participant who caused the injury acted recklessly or with intent to cause injury.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to injuries received on the effective date of this subsection.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1993-94: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].