

1999 Assembly Bill 431

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1999 WISCONSIN ACT 166

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

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

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

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

(b) Deposition transcripts may be released to all parties of record in an action. A notary public may not release deposition transcripts that have not been made part of the public record to a 3rd party without the written consent of all parties to the action and the deponent. When a deposition transcript has been made part of the public record, a notary public who is also a court reporter may, subject to a protective order or agreement to the contrary, release the deposition transcript or sell the transcript to 3rd parties without the consent of the person who requested the services of the notary public.

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

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1997-98: 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].