DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

September 6, 2001

Please review this draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent.

I was not sure what penalty to apply to these violations. Under current law, any person who practices law without a license is subject to a fine of up to \$500 or imprisonment of up to a year in the county jail. The Texas law provides for a Class A misdemeanor, which in Wisconsin is a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 9 months or both. I decided to use the latter penalty. OK?

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