

State of Misconsin 2007 - 2008 LEGISLATURE

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2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 468

1	AN ACT to create 137.01 (1) (i), (j) and (k) of the statutes; relating to: notaries
2	public who are not attorneys and providing penalties.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

3	SECTION 1. 137.01 (1) (i), (j) and (k) of the statutes are created to read:
4	137.01 (1) (i) A notary public appointed under this subsection may not do any
5	of the following:
6	1. State or imply that he or she is an attorney licensed to practice law in this
7	state.
8	2. Solicit or accept compensation to prepare documents for or otherwise
9	represent the interests of another person in a judicial or administrative proceeding,
10	including a proceeding relating to immigration to the United States or U.S.
11	citizenship.

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Solicit or accept compensation to obtain relief of any kind on behalf of another
 person from any officer, agent, or employee of this state, a political subdivision of this
 state, or the United States.

4 4. Use the phrase "notario," "notarizaciones," "notarizamos," or "notario
5 publico," or otherwise advertise in a language other than English on signs,
6 pamphlets, stationery, or other written communication, by radio or television, or on
7 the Internet his or her services as a notary public if the advertisement fails to include,
8 in English and the language of the advertisement, all of the following:

a. The statement, if in a written advertisement, in all capital letters and the
same type size: "I AM NOT AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN
WISCONSIN AND MAY NOT GIVE LEGAL ADVICE OR ACCEPT FEES FOR
LEGAL ADVICE." If the advertisement is given orally, the statement may be
modified but must include substantially the same message and be understandable.

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b. The fees that a notary public may charge under sub. (9).

(j) The prohibitions under par. (i) 2. and 3. do not apply to a notary public who
is an accredited representative, as defined in 8 CFR 292.1 (a) (4).

17 (k) A person who violates par. (i) may be fined not more than \$10,000 or
18 imprisoned for not more than 9 months or both. A person who commits a 2nd or
19 subsequent violation of par. (i) may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for
20 not more than 6 years or both.

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