AN ACT to amend 218.04 (1) (a) of the statutes; relating to: collection agencies.

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

SECTION 1. 218.04 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

218.04 (1) (a) “Collection agency” means any person engaging in the business of collecting or receiving for payment for others of any account, bill, or other indebtedness. It shall “Collection agency” does not include attorneys at law authorized to practice in this state and resident therein, banks, express companies, health care billing companies, state savings banks, state savings and loan associations, insurers and their agents, trust companies, district attorneys acting under s. 971.41, persons contracting with district attorneys under s. 971.41 (5), real estate brokers, and real estate salespersons.

* Section 991.11, Wisconsin Statutes 2007−08 : 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].