

**ASSEMBLY BILL 929 (LRB -4494)**

An Act to amend 71.63 (3) (d), 102.07 (8) (d), 108.24 (2m) and 111.327 of the statutes; relating to: willful misclassification of an employee as a nonemployee by a person engaged in the painting or drywall finishing of buildings or other structures with intent to evade the laws related to income tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment insurance, or employment discrimination and providing a penalty. (FE)

**2010**

- 04-06. A. Introduced by Representatives **Pocan** and **Sinicki**; cosponsored by Senators **Risser** and **Lassa**.
- 04-06. A. Read first time and referred to committee on Labor ..... 785
- 04-07. A. Public hearing held.
- 04-13. A. Fiscal estimate received.
- 04-13. A. Executive action taken.
- 04-13. A. Report passage recommended by committee on Labor, Ayes 8, Noes 0 ..... 807
- 04-13. A. Referred to committee on Rules ..... 807
- 04-13. A. Made a special order of business at 11:52 A.M. on 4-15-2010 pursuant to Assembly Resolution 22 ..... 825
- 04-15. A. Fiscal estimate received.
- 04-15. A. Read a second time ..... 858
- 04-15. A. Ordered to a third reading ..... 858
- 04-15. A. Rules suspended ..... 858
- 04-15. A. Read a third time and **passed** ..... 858
- 04-15. A. Ordered immediately messaged ..... 859
- 04-16. S. Received from Assembly.
- 04-16. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs.
- 04-20. S. Rules suspended to withdraw from committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs and take up.
- 04-20. S. Read a second time.
- 04-20. S. Ordered to a third reading.
- 04-20. S. Rules suspended.
- 04-20. S. Read a third time and **concurred in**, Ayes 31, Noes 2.
- 04-20. S. Ordered immediately messaged.
- 04-20. A. Received from Senate concurred in.

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**ADOPTED DOCUMENTS:**

**Orig**     **Engr**         **SubAmdt**     

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**Amendments to above (if none, write "NONE"):** NONE

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**Corrections - show date (if none, write "NONE"):** NONE

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**Topic** WILLFUL MISCLASSIFICATION OF AN EMPLOYEE BY A PERSON ENGAGED IN

PAINTING OR DRYWALL FINISHING TO EVADE LAWS RELATED TO INCOME TAX  
WITH HOLDING, WORKER'S COMPENSATION, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, OR EMPLOYMENT  
DISCRIMINATION

4/21/2010

**Date**

Cathleen H. [Signature]

**Enrolling Drafter**

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April 6, 2010 – Introduced by Representatives POCAN and SINICKI, cosponsored by Senators RISSER and LASSA. Referred to Committee on Labor.

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2             statutes; **relating to:** willful misclassification of an employee as a  
3             nonemployee by a person engaged in the painting or drywall finishing of  
4             buildings or other structures with intent to evade the laws related to income tax  
5             withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment insurance, or  
6             employment discrimination and providing a penalty.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, any employer engaged in the construction of roads, bridges, highways, sewers, water mains, utilities, public buildings, factories, housing, or similar construction projects who misclassifies an employee as a nonemployee willfully and with intent to evade any requirement of the laws relating to income tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment insurance, or employment discrimination is subject to a \$25,000 fine for each violation. This bill applies that fine to any person engaged in the painting or drywall finishing of buildings or other structures who willfully and with intent to evade any of those laws misclassifies an employee as a nonemployee.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

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For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 71.63 (3) (d) of the statutes, as created by 2009 Wisconsin Act 28,  
2 is amended to read:

3           71.63 (3) (d) With regard to ss. 71.65 (6), “employer” means a person described  
4 in s. 108.18 (2) (c) or a person engaged in the painting or drywall finishing of  
5 buildings or other structures.

6           **SECTION 2.** 102.07 (8) (d) of the statutes, as created by 2009 Wisconsin Act 28,  
7 is amended to read:

8           102.07 (8) (d) Any employer described in s. 108.18 (2) (c) or engaged in the  
9 painting or drywall finishing of buildings or other structures who willfully and with  
10 intent to evade any requirement of this chapter misclassifies or attempts to  
11 misclassify an individual who is an employee of the employer as a nonemployee shall  
12 be fined \$25,000 for each violation.

13           **SECTION 3.** 108.24 (2m) of the statutes, as created by 2009 Wisconsin Act 28,  
14 is amended to read:

15           108.24 (2m) Any employer described in s. 108.18 (2) (c) or engaged in the  
16 painting or drywall finishing of buildings or other structures who willfully provides  
17 false information to the department for the purpose of misclassifying or attempting  
18 to misclassify an individual who is an employee of the employer as a nonemployee  
19 shall be fined \$25,000 for each violation.

20           **SECTION 4.** 111.327 of the statutes, as created by 2009 Wisconsin Act 28, is  
21 amended to read:

