

State of Wisconsin



2019 Assembly Bill 143

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2019 WISCONSIN ACT 41

AN ACT *to renumber* 460.17; *to amend* 460.15; and *to create* 460.14 (4), 460.145 and 460.17 (2) of the statutes; relating to: violations of the law relating to the practice of massage therapy or bodywork therapy and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. 460.14 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

460.14 (4) The affiliated credentialing board may, in addition to or in lieu of a reprimand or revocation, limitation, suspension, or denial of a license, assess against a person who has done anything specified under sub. (2) (a) to (j) a forfeiture of not more than \$1,000 for each separate offense. Each day of continued violation constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION 1m. 460.145 of the statutes is created to read:

460.145 Employment of unlicensed persons. No person may employ or contract for the services of an individual to provide massage therapy or bodywork therapy who is required to be licensed under s. 460.02 unless the individual is licensed under this chapter.

SECTION 2. 460.15 of the statutes is amended to read:

460.15 Penalty. Any person who violates this chapter or any rule promulgated under this chapter shall for-

feit may be fined not more than \$1,000 for each violation or imprisoned for not more than 90 days, or both.

SECTION 3. 460.17 of the statutes is renumbered 460.17 (1).

SECTION 4. 460.17 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

460.17 (2) (a) 1. A city, village, or town may enact and enforce an ordinance that prohibits an individual from violating the prohibitions under s. 460.02 unless the individual is licensed under this chapter as required under s. 460.02.

2. A city, village, or town may enact and enforce an ordinance that prohibits a person from employing or contracting for the services of an individual to provide massage therapy or bodywork therapy who is required to be licensed under s. 460.02 unless the individual is licensed under this chapter.

(b) Law enforcement personnel of a city, village, or town may issue citations for violations of a local ordinance described in par. (a), and the city, village, or town may impose forfeitures, not to exceed the amount specified in s. 460.14 (4), for violations of such an ordinance.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: 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."