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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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**2007 Wisconsin Act 110**  
[2007 Assembly Bill 468]

**Restrictions on Notaries Who Are  
Not Attorneys**

2007 Wisconsin Act 110 provides that a notary public who is not an attorney licensed to practice law in Wisconsin may not:

- State or imply that he or she is an attorney licensed to practice in Wisconsin.
- Solicit or accept compensation to prepare documents for or otherwise represent the interests of another person in a judicial or administrative proceeding, including a proceeding relating to immigration to the United States or U.S. Citizenship.\*
- Solicit or accept compensation to obtain relief of any kind on behalf of another person from any officer, agent, or employee of the state, a political subdivision of the state, or the United States.\*
- Use the phrase “notario,” “notarizaciones,” “notarizamos,” or “notario publico,” or otherwise advertise in a language other than English on signs, pamphlets, stationery, or other written communication, by radio or television, or on the Internet his or her services as a notary public unless the advertisement includes:
  - 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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\* This restriction does not apply if the notary is accredited by the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals as a representative of certain qualified organizations. See 8 C.F.R. 292.1 (a) (4).

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.

- The statutorily authorized fees that a notary public may charge.

Violation of the Act's prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than nine months, or both (a misdemeanor). Second or subsequent violations are punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000, imprisonment for not more than six years, or both (a felony).

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