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2009 SENATE BILL 21

January 28, 2009 – Introduced by Senators RISSER and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives Hebl and Townsend. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform, and Housing.

AN ACT to repeal 137.01 (1) (i) 4. b. and 137.01 (9); and to consolidate,
renumber and amend 137.01 (1) (i) 4. (intro.) and a. of the statutes; relating
to: fees charged by notaries public.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a notary public may receive the following fees:

- 1. For drawing and copying a protest of the nonpayment of a promissory note or bill of exchange, \$1.
- 2. For drawing and copying any protest other than those listed in item 1., above, 50 cents.
- 3. For drawing, copying and serving every notice of nonpayment of a note or bill, or nonacceptance of a bill, 50 cents.
- 4. For drawing any affidavit or other paper or proceeding, 50 cents per page and 12 cents per copy.
- 5. For taking the acknowledgement of deeds and for other services authorized by law, the same fees as are allowed to other officials for similar services, but not to exceed 50 cents per document.

This bill repeals this fee schedule.

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

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SECTION 1. 137.01 (1) (i) 4. (intro.) and a. of the statutes are consolidated,
renumbered 137.01 (1) (i) 4. and amended to read:
137.01 (1) (i) 4. 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 if the advertisement fails to include,
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 sizes
"I AM NOT AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN WISCONSIN AND
MAY NOT GIVE LEGAL ADVICE OR ACCEPT FEES FOR LEGAL ADVICE." I
the advertisement is given orally, the statement may be modified but must include
substantially the same message and be understandable.
Section 2. 137.01 (1) (i) 4. b. of the statutes is repealed.
SECTION 3. 137.01 (9) of the statutes is repealed.

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