



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5147

LCO No. 948

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW BY NOTARIES PUBLIC.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) A notary public shall
2 not offer or provide legal advice to any person in immigration matters
3 or represent any person in immigration proceedings unless such
4 notary public (1) has been admitted as an attorney under the
5 provisions of section 51-80 of the general statutes, or (2) is authorized
6 pursuant to 8 CFR 292.2 to practice immigration law or represent
7 persons in immigration proceedings.

8 (b) A notary public shall not assume, use or advertise the title of
9 notario or notario publico, unless such notary public has been
10 admitted as an attorney under the provisions of section 51-80 of the
11 general statutes.

12 (c) Any notary public who violates any provision of this section
13 shall have committed a violation of subsection (a) of section 51-88 of
14 the general statutes and be subject to the penalties set forth in
15 subsection (b) of section 51-88 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2012	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify that notaries public may not (1) offer legal assistance in immigration matters unless they are attorneys or otherwise permitted to provide assistance in such matters pursuant to federal law; or (2) falsely convey the impression that they are attorneys by use of certain titles.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]