



General Assembly

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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, 2013*) (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 (1) has been
10 admitted as an attorney under the provisions of section 51-80 of the
11 general statutes, or (2) indicates in any advertisement or otherwise
12 provides written notice that such notary public is not licensed as an
13 attorney in this state.

14 (c) Any notary public who violates any provision of this section

15 shall have committed a violation of subsection (a) of section 51-88 of
16 the general statutes and be subject to the penalties set forth in
17 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	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	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.]