

State of Wisconsin



2015 Senate Bill 81

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2015 WISCONSIN ACT 65

AN ACT *to create* 66.0408 of the statutes; **relating to:** limiting the authority of a city, village, town, or county to create new occupational licenses or fees or to continue to regulate certain professions.

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

SECTION 1. 66.0408 of the statutes is created to read:

66.0408 Regulation of occupations. (1) **DEFINITIONS.** In this section, "political subdivision" means a city, village, town, or county.

(2) **LIMITATIONS ON NEW REGULATIONS.** (a) Except as provided in sub. (3), beginning on the effective date of this paragraph [LRB inserts date], a political subdivision may not impose any occupational fees or licensing requirements on any profession if that profession is not subject to occupational fees or licensing requirements of the political subdivision on that date, but the political subdivision may continue to so regulate any profession that is subject to its occupational fees or licensing requirements on that date.

(b) With regard to the areas in which the department of safety and professional services may impose requirements on a contractor under s. 101.654, a political subdivision may not impose any requirements on a contractor

that are more stringent than the requirements imposed by the department of safety and professional services under s. 101.654.

(c) Beginning on the effective date of this paragraph [LRB inserts date], if the department of safety and professional services or an examining board, affiliated credentialing board, or other board in the department of safety and professional services imposes any new occupational fees or licensing requirements on any profession that was previously unregulated by the state, and if a political subdivision regulates that occupation when the state regulations take effect, the political subdivision may not continue to regulate that profession on or after the day on which the state regulations take effect and the political subdivision's regulations do not apply and may not be enforced.

(3) **EXCEPTION.** If a political subdivision has in effect an occupational fee or licensing requirement on the profession of photographer on the effective date of this subsection [LRB inserts date], that regulation does not apply and may not be enforced.

* 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."