

# State of Wisconsin



2025 Assembly Bill 666

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## 2025 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT to amend 177.1104, 177.1204 (title) and 177.1205; to create 177.1201 (4) and 177.12045 of the statutes; relating to: fraudulent claims for unclaimed property and providing a penalty.

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

**SECTION 1.** 177.1104 of the statutes is amended to read:

**177.1104 Penalties.** The provisions of ~~s.~~ ss. 177.1204 and 177.12045 (1) shall apply to an amount due as determined and assessed under this chapter.

**SECTION 2.** 177.1201 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

177.1201 (4) The attorney general is authorized, upon request from the administrator, to represent the state or to assist the district attorney in the prosecution of any case arising under s. 177.12045.

**SECTION 3.** 177.1204 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

**177.1204 (title) Penalties Holder penalties.**

**SECTION 4.** 177.12045 of the statutes is created to read:

**177.12045 Fraudulent claim penalties. (1) CIVIL PENALTIES.** (a) Any person who files a claim with the administrator for the property of another without the other's consent and with the intent to deprive the owner of such property shall pay a penalty equal to the total value of the property.

(b) If a person files a claim described under s.

177.0903 (3), and the copy of the agreement under subch. XIII filed with the claim does not comply with the requirements under s. 177.1301 (2), the person shall pay a penalty equal to the total value of the property plus \$1,000 for property valued at no more than \$15,000 or plus \$2,500 for property valued at more than \$15,000.

**(2) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.** Any person who files a claim with the administrator for the property of another without the other's consent and with the intent to deprive the owner of such property is guilty of a Class I felony and may be assessed the cost of prosecution.

**(3) REPORTING.** The administrator shall post on the website maintained by the administrator the name and address of each person who has been assessed a penalty under sub. (1) (b), along with the amount of the penalty and the date on which the administrator posted the information, no later than 90 days after the person's right to appeal the assessment has expired. The information provided under this subsection shall remain on the website maintained by the administrator for at least 12 months following the date of the initial posting.

**SECTION 5.** 177.1205 of the statutes is amended to read:

**177.1205 Waiver of penalties.** The administrator

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\* 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."

may waive, in whole or in part, the penalties imposed  
under ~~ss.~~ ss. 177.1204 and 177.12045 (1).

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