SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL NO. 1395

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR TRENT.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 484.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the unauthorized practice of law, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 484.020, RSMo, is repealed and one new

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- 2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 484.020,
- 3 to read as follows:
 - 484.020. 1. No person shall engage in the practice of
- 2 law or do law business, as defined in section 484.010, or
- 3 both, unless he shall have been duly licensed therefor and
- 4 while his license therefor is in full force and effect, nor
- 5 shall any association, partnership, limited liability
- 6 company or corporation, except a professional corporation
- 7 organized pursuant to the provisions of chapter 356, a
- 8 limited liability company organized and registered pursuant
- 9 to the provisions of chapter 347, or a limited liability
- 10 partnership organized or registered pursuant to the
- 11 provisions of chapter 358, engage in the practice of the law
- 12 or do law business as defined in section 484.010, or both.
- 13 2. Unless duly licensed in this state to practice law
- 14 or law business, it shall be an unauthorized practice of law
- 15 subject to injunctive relief and liability under subsection
- 16 3 of this section for any person, association, partnership,
- 17 limited liability company, or corporation to provide,

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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18 regardless of whether compensation is paid, papers, 19 pleadings, or documents to be used in connection with proceedings pending or prospective before any court of 20 21 record, commissioner, referee or any body, board, committee, 22 or commission constituted by law or having authority to 23 settle controversies that are produced or generated by the 24 use of artificial intelligence. As used in this subsection, 25 the term "artificial intelligence" means a machine-based 26 system that can, for a given set of human-defined 27 objectives, make predictions, recommendations, or decisions 28 influencing real or virtual environments.

- 29 3. Any person, association, partnership, limited 30 liability company or corporation who shall violate the foregoing prohibition of this section shall be quilty of a 31 32 misdemeanor and upon conviction therefor shall be punished 33 by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars and costs of 34 prosecution and shall be subject to be sued for treble the 35 amount which shall have been paid him or it for any service rendered in violation hereof by the person, firm, 36 37 association, partnership, limited liability company or 38 corporation paying the same within two years from the date 39 the same shall have been paid and if within said time such 40 person, firm, association, partnership, limited liability 41 company or corporation shall neglect and fail to sue for or recover such treble amount, then the state of Missouri shall 42 43 have the right to and shall sue for such treble amount and 44 recover the same and upon the recovery thereof such treble 45 amount shall be paid into the treasury of the state of 46 Missouri.
 - [3.] 4. It is hereby made the duty of the attorney general of the state of Missouri or the prosecuting attorney of any county or city in which service of process may be had

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50 upon the person, firm, association, partnership, limited

- 51 liability company or corporation liable hereunder, to
- 52 institute all suits necessary for the recovery by the state
- of Missouri of such amounts in the name and on behalf of the

54 state.

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