

**453D.9 Construction and severability.**

1. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that the provisions of [this chapter](#) and of [chapter 453C](#) conflict and cannot be harmonized, the provisions of [chapter 453C](#) shall prevail.
2. If any portion of [this chapter](#) causes [chapter 453C](#) to no longer constitute a qualifying or model statute, as defined in the master settlement agreement, that portion of [this chapter](#) shall be void.
3. If any portion of [this chapter](#) is for any reason held to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, the determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of [this chapter](#) or any part of [this chapter](#).  
[2003 Acts, ch 97, §9, 13](#)