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January 28, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives DOBYNS, LAZICH, FREESE, ZUKOWSKI, HASENOHRL, RYBA, LADWIG, PORTER, SERATTI, HAHN, DUFF, MUSSER, OTTE, OLSEN, NASS, MURAT, SCHAFER and GUNDERSON, cosponsored by Senators FITZGERALD, BUETTNER and FARROW. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 939.641 (intro.) of the statutes; **relating to:** assuming a false
2 identity while committing a crime and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if a person commits a crime while his or her usual appearance is concealed, disguised or altered with the intent to make it less likely that he or she will be identified with the crime, the penalties for the crime may be increased. If the crime is a misdemeanor, the maximum fine may be increased by not more than \$10,000 and the maximum imprisonment may be increased so that the revised maximum term is one year in jail. If the crime is a felony, the maximum fine may be increased by not more than \$10,000 and the maximum imprisonment may be increased by not more than 5 years.

This bill provides that if a person commits a crime while assuming a false identity the penalties for the crime may be increased in the same manner as that provided under current law for a person who commits a crime with his or her usual appearance concealed, disguised or altered.

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

- 3 **SECTION 1.** 939.641 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 **939.641 Penalty; concealing identity.** (intro.) If a person commits a crime
5 while assuming a false identity or while his or her usual appearance has been

