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2013 SENATE BILL 606

February 17, 2014 – Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT and LEHMAN. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

AN ACT ***to amend*** 939.22 (23) of the statutes; **relating to:** the definition of petechia.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the definition of "substantial bodily harm" includes a petechia, which is defined as a minute colored spot that appears on the skin, eye, eyelid, or mucous membrane of a person as a result of a localized hemorrhage or rupture to a blood vessel or capillary.

This bill redefines "petechia" to specify that the hemorrhage or rupture must be caused by strangulation or suffocation.

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

SECTION 1. 939.22 (23) of the statutes is amended to read:

939.22 **(23)** "Petechia" means a minute colored spot that appears on the skin, eye, eyelid, or mucous membrane of a person as a result of localized hemorrhage or rupture to a blood vessel or capillary <u>that is caused by strangulation or suffocation</u>.

(END)