



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 217

August 11, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives BIES, BROOKS, KAUFERT, KERKMAN, KLEEFISCH, LEMAHIEU, MOLEPSKE JR, NYGREN, A. OTT, PETERSEN, PETRYK, SPANBAUER, STRACHOTA and STROEBEL, cosponsored by Senators WANGGAARD, CARPENTER, LAZICH, LEIBHAM, OLSEN, SCHULTZ and TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 946.70 (1); *to amend* 946.70 (title) and 946.70 (2); and *to*
2 *create* 946.70 (1) (b), (c) and (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** impersonating
3 certain officials and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits a person from impersonating a peace officer. A person who violates this prohibition intending to mislead others into believing he or she is a peace officer is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for no more than nine months or both. A person who violates this provision to commit or aid or abet the commission of a crime is guilty of a felony and is subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment of up to six years or both. In addition, any vehicle used in the violation of the prohibition is subject to seizure and forfeiture proceedings. This bill creates parallel provisions for impersonating a fire fighter, an emergency medical technician, or a first responder.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

