



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-2392/1	Introduction Number	AB-0217	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> Impersonating certain officials and providing a penalty.					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under s. 946.70, whoever impersonates a peace officer with the intent to commit or aid or abet the commission of a crime, other than the crime of misleading others into believing that the person is actually a peace officer, is guilty of a Class H felony. 2011 Assembly Bill 217 expands s. 946.70 to apply to anyone impersonating a fire fighter, emergency medical technician, or first responder.

While most felony prosecutions are handled by district attorneys, assistant attorneys general in the Department of Justice's Criminal Litigation Unit on occasion act as special prosecutors throughout Wisconsin at the request of district attorneys. In addition, the Department of Justice's Criminal Appeals Unit represents the State of Wisconsin in defending felony convictions when those convictions are challenged in state or federal court. Under Wisconsin law, this unit is charged with preparing briefs and presenting arguments in front of any state appellate or federal court hearing a challenge to a felony conviction.

Since AB 217 broadens the types of activities that can be prosecuted as felonies, it is possible that the enactment of the bill could result in an increased caseload for the department's Criminal Litigation and Criminal Appeals units. The department anticipates that any increase in caseload would be relatively small and could most likely be absorbed with existing resources. If the increase is greater than expected the department will require additional resources.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications