



2015 SENATE BILL 95

March 27, 2015 – Introduced by Senators ROTH, NASS, PETROWSKI, MOULTON, FARROW, GUDEX, COWLES, OLSEN and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives STEFFEN, PETRYK, JACQUE, BRANDTJEN, KITCHENS, TITTL, KNODL, KULP, ROHRKASTE, A. OTT, SPIROS, JAGLER, E. BROOKS, T. LARSON, MURSAU, HESSELBEIN, BERNIER, RIPP, R. BROOKS, QUINN, MURPHY, WEATHERSTON, HORLACHER, EDMING, ALLEN, SINICKI, BORN, KLEEFISCH, GENRICH and HINTZ. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 946.78 of the statutes; **relating to:** falsely claiming military
2 service or honors, and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, any person who falsely, and with the intent to obtain a tangible financial or other tangible benefit, claims that he or she is serving or has served in the military, or that he or she has received an honor or award related to military service, is guilty of a crime.

Under the bill, a person who makes the false claim is guilty of a class A misdemeanor, unless he or she makes the false claim with the intent to commit or to aid or abet another crime. Under those circumstances, the person is guilty of a class H felony.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 946.78 of the statutes is created to read:

