

State of Misconsin 2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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## **2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 418**

September 5, 2019 – Introduced by Representatives SUBECK, SARGENT, C. TAYLOR, ANDERSON, BILLINGS, CROWLEY, EMERSON, KOLSTE and SINICKI, cosponsored by Senators L. TAYLOR, RISSER, JOHNSON and LARSON. Referred to Committee on Small Business Development.

1	AN ACT to renumber and amend 175.37 (1); to amend 175.37 (title) and 175.37
2	(2); and <i>to create</i> 175.37 (1) (b) of the statutes; relating to: containers or
3	trigger locks provided at a firearm sale and providing a penalty.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires a person who commercially sells or transfers a firearm to provide the purchaser or transferee with either a secure, lockable container that is designed to store a firearm or a trigger lock for the firearm. A seller or transferor who violates this requirement is subject to a fine of up to \$500 or imprisonment for up to 30 days, or both.

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.

	The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
4	<b>SECTION 1.</b> 175.37 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
5	175.37 (title) Warning <u>Requirements</u> whenever transferring a firearm.
6	SECTION 2. 175.37 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 175.37 (1) (intro.) and
7	amended to read

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1	175.37(1) (intro.) Upon the retail commercial sale or retail commercial transfer
2	of any firearm, the seller or transferor shall provide to the buyer or transferee <u>all of</u>
3	the following:
4	(a) A written warning in block letters not less than one-fourth inch in height:
5	"IF YOU LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM WITHIN THE REACH OR EASY ACCESS
6	OF A CHILD YOU MAY BE FINED OR IMPRISONED OR BOTH IF THE CHILD
7	IMPROPERLY DISCHARGES, POSSESSES OR EXHIBITS THE FIREARM."
8	<b>SECTION 3.</b> 175.37 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:
9	175.37 (1) (b) A secure, lockable container that is designed to store a firearm
10	or a trigger lock for the firearm.
11	<b>SECTION 4.</b> 175.37 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
12	175.37 (2) Any person who violates sub. (1) (a) or (b) may be fined not more than
13	\$500 or imprisoned for not more than 30 days or both.
14	(END)

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