

# State of Wisconsin



2011 Senate Bill 109

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## 2011 WISCONSIN ACT 74

AN ACT *to amend* 940.20 (1) and 946.41 (2r); and *to create* 946.41 (2) (c) and 946.41 (2t) of the statutes; **relating to:** causing soft tissue injury or great bodily harm to a law enforcement officer when resisting or obstructing arrest, soft tissue injury caused by a prisoner, and providing penalties.

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

**SECTION 1.** 940.20 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

940.20 (1) BATTERY BY PRISONERS. Any prisoner confined to a state prison or other state, county, or municipal detention facility who intentionally causes bodily harm or a soft tissue injury, as defined in s. 946.41 (2) (c), to an officer, employee, visitor, or another inmate of such prison or institution, without his or her consent, is guilty of a Class H felony.

**SECTION 1g.** 946.41 (2) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

946.41 (2) (c) "Soft tissue injury" means an injury

that requires medical attention to a tissue that connects, supports, or surrounds other structures and organs of the body and includes tendons, ligaments, fascia, skin, fibrous tissues, fat, synovial membranes, muscles, nerves, and blood vessels.

**SECTION 2.** 946.41 (2r) of the statutes is amended to read:

946.41 (2r) Whoever violates sub. (1) and causes substantial bodily harm or a soft tissue injury to an officer is guilty of a Class H felony.

**SECTION 3.** 946.41 (2t) of the statutes is created to read:

946.41 (2t) Whoever violates sub. (1) and causes great bodily harm to an officer is guilty of a Class G felony.

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\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2009-10 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].