2001 SENATE BILL 489

March 7, 2002 – Introduced by Senators Harsdorf, Kanavas and Lazich, cosponsored by Representatives Suder, Jeskewitz, Musser, Krawczyk and Hines. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Consumer Affairs, and Campaign Finance Reform.

AN ACT to amend 301.45 (6) (a) 1., 301.45 (6) (a) 2. and 301.45 (6) (ag) of the statutes; relating to: violations of sex offender registry reporting requirements and providing penalties.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who has committed a sex offense is required to register with the department of corrections (DOC). Current law specifies the information that the registry must contain, such as the person's name and address, a physical description of the person, where he or she is working or attending school, and the statute that he or she violated to become subject to the registration requirements. Current law also specifies when this information must be provided and updated. A person who knowingly fails to comply with the registration requirements may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned or both. For a first offense, the maximum term of imprisonment is nine months. For second and subsequent offenses, the maximum term of imprisonment is five years. This bill increases the maximum term of imprisonment for a first offense to five years and for a second or subsequent offense to ten years.

Current law also prohibits a person who is on parole or extended supervision and who is required to register as a sex offender from establishing a residence or moving unless he or she has complied with applicable registration requirements. A person who intentionally violates this prohibition may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than nine months or both. This bill increases the maximum term of imprisonment for such offenses to five years.

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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:

SECTION 1. 301.45 (6) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

301.45 **(6)** (a) 1. For a first offense, the person may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 9 months 5 years or both.

Section 2. 301.45 (6) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

301.45 **(6)** (a) 2. For a 2nd or subsequent offense, the person may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 5 <u>10</u> years or both. For purposes of this subdivision, an offense is a 2nd or subsequent offense if, prior to committing the offense, the person has at any time been convicted of knowingly failing to comply with any requirement to provide information under subs. (2) to (4).

SECTION 3. 301.45 (6) (ag) of the statutes is amended to read:

301.45 **(6)** (ag) Whoever intentionally violates sub. (4r) may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 9 months 5 years or both.

13 (END)