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2003 SENATE BILL 52

February 26, 2003 – Introduced by Senators Harsdorf, A. Lasee, Stepp, Roessler and Kanavas, cosponsored by Representatives Suder, Gronemus, Krawczyk, Ainsworth, Owens, Musser, Hines, Seratti, Bies, Gielow, Loeffelholz, McCormick, Nass and Steinbrink. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy.

AN ACT to amend 301.45 (6) (a) 1. 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 six years. This bill increases the maximum term of imprisonment for a first offense to three and one-half 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 three and one-half years.

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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:

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 or both is guilty of a Class I felony.

SECTION 2. 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

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

than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 9 months or both is guilty of a Class I felony.

8 (END)