



## 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 337

May 15, 2007 - Introduced by Representatives GUNDRUM, MUSSER, WOOD, TRAVIS, JESKEWITZ, J. OTT, KAUFERT, A. OTT, BIES, PETROWSKI, GUNDERSON, NASS, HAHN, MURSAU, TOWNSEND and ROTH, cosponsored by Senators DARLING and ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Ethics.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 940.201 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** battery or threat to  
2             witnesses and providing a penalty.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a person is guilty of a Class H felony if he or she intentionally causes or threatens to cause bodily harm to an individual he or she knows, or should know, is a witness by reason of the individual having attended or testified as a witness. The person is subject to a fine of up to \$10,000, imprisonment of up to six years, or both.

Under this bill a person who is charged with a crime is guilty of a Class D felony if he or she intentionally causes or threatens to cause bodily harm to an individual he or she knows, or should know, is a witness to that crime. The person is subject to a fine of up to \$100,000, imprisonment of up to 25 years, 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 concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

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

3             **SECTION 1.** 940.201 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

