



2019 SENATE BILL 163

April 11, 2019 - Introduced by Senators KOOYENGA, CARPENTER, COWLES, FEYEN, JACQUE, MARKLEIN, NASS and TESTIN, cosponsored by Representatives MAGNAFICI, DUCHOW, TITTL, KUGLITSCH, BROOKS, DITTRICH, HORLACHER, JAMES, KERKMAN, KULP, KURTZ, MURPHY, NOVAK, OHNSTAD, OTT, PETERSEN, ROHRKASTE, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, THIESFELDT, TRANEL, TUSLER, WICHGERS and QUINN. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 940.20 (2r) of the statutes; **relating to:** causing bodily harm
2 to a nurse and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who intentionally causes bodily harm to another person without the other person's consent commits the crime of battery, a Class A misdemeanor. Under current law, the penalty for battery is increased in certain circumstances. For example, if a person commits battery against certain victims, such fire fighters, jurors, or emergency medical care providers, the person is guilty of a Class H felony. This bill makes it a Class H felony to commit battery against a licensed registered nurse (RN), a licensed practical nurse (LPN), or an individual working under the supervision of an RN or LPN.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 940.20 (2r) of the statutes is created to read:

