



2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 202

May 5, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives MURTHA, KLEEFISCH, BERCEAU, E. BROOKS, KNODL, T. LARSON, MURPHY and KITCHENS, cosponsored by Senators HARSDORF and NASS. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 940.11 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** penalty for hiding or
2 burying a corpse illegally and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who hides or buries a corpse to conceal a crime or to avoid apprehension, prosecution, or conviction for a crime or to collect certain government benefits is guilty of a Class G felony. A person who is convicted is subject to a fine of up to \$25,000 or imprisonment for up to ten years, or both. This bill reclassifies the crime as a Class F felony so that a person who is convicted is subject to a fine of up to \$25,000 or imprisonment for up to 12 years and six months, 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.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 940.11 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 940.11 (2) Whoever hides or buries a corpse, with intent to conceal a crime or
5 avoid apprehension, prosecution, or conviction for a crime or notwithstanding s.

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1 946.90 (2) or (3), 946.91 (2), 946.92, or 946.93 (2) or (3) with intent to collect benefits
2 under the assistance program for families with dependent children administered
3 under ss. 49.141 to 49.161, the Medical Assistance program administered under
4 subch. IV of ch. 49, or the food stamp program, as defined in s. 49.79 (1) (c), is guilty
5 of a Class ~~G~~ F felony.

6 (END)