

1991 Assembly Bill 507

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# 1991 WISCONSIN ACT 291

AN ACT *to amend* 939.645 (1) (b) and 939.645 (4) of the statutes, **relating to:** crimes against certain persons and property and civil actions by victims of those crimes.

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

**SECTION 1.** 939.645 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

939.645 (1) (b) Intentionally selects the person against whom the crime under par. (a) is committed or selects the property ~~which~~ that is damaged or otherwise affected by the crime under par. (a) in whole or in part because of the actor's belief or perception regarding the race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry of that person or the owner or

occupant of that property, whether or not the actor's belief or perception was correct.

**SECTION 2.** 939.645 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

939.645 (4) This section does not apply to any crime if proof of race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry or proof of any person's perception or belief regarding another's race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry is required for a conviction for that crime.

**SECTION 3. Initial applicability.** This act first applies to offenses occurring and causes of action accruing on the effective date of this SECTION.

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