



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 472

June 27, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives ALBERS, DOBYNS, GOETSCH, F. LASEE, LAZICH, LEHMAN, OLSEN, ROBSON, RYBA, SERATTI, SCHNEIDERS and SILBAUGH, cosponsored by Senators ROSENZWEIG, SCHULTZ and BURKE. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections.

1 **AN ACT to renumber** 943.20 (2) (a); **to amend** 943.20 (3) (d) 1. to 4.; and **to create**
2 943.20 (2) (ad) and 943.20 (3) (d) 7. of the statutes; **relating to:** theft of air bags
3 from motor vehicles.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the crime of theft typically involves several elements: 1) intentionally taking property; 2) carrying away, using or doing certain other things with that property; 3) acting without the owner's consent; and 4) acting with the intent to deprive the owner permanently of the property. The maximum fine is \$10,000 and the maximum period of imprisonment ranges from 9 months to 10 years depending on the circumstances surrounding the theft, such as the value of the property involved. The law provides a 5-year maximum period of imprisonment for the theft of a firearm, theft from a corpse or theft during a riot or bombing if the value of the stolen property is \$2,500 or less. This bill provides the same 5-year maximum period of imprisonment for the theft of an air bag from a motor vehicle if the value of the air bag is \$2,500 or less. Thefts involving any property valued at more than \$2,500 remain punishable by a 10-year maximum period of imprisonment under current law.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 943.20 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 943.20 (2) (ag).
5 **SECTION 2.** 943.20 (2) (ad) of the statutes is created to read:

