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## **1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 260**

April 9, 1997 – Introduced by Representatives Rutkowski, Ainsworth, Baldwin, Bock, Boyle, Coggs, Cullen, Dobyns, Duff, Gunderson, Hahn, Hasenohrl, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Musser, Plale, Riley, Ryba, Seratti, Turner, Walker and Wasserman, cosponsored by Senators Burke, Buettner, Clausing, Drzewiecki, Farrow, Huelsman, Plache, Rosenzweig, Schultz and Welch. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections.

1 AN ACT to amend 940.225 (1) (a) of the statutes; relating to: sexual assaults 2 causing substantial bodily harm.

#### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a sexual assault in which the actor uses or threatens force or violence is punishable as a Class BC felony. If the perpetrator of the sexual assault causes the victim great bodily harm, the crime is punishable as a Class B felony. This bill provides that it is also a Class B felony if the perpetrator of the sexual assault causes the victim substantial bodily harm. Substantial bodily harm includes injuries such as bone fractures, burns and concussions.

The maximum penalties for persons convicted of the crime classifications mentioned are:

Crime Classification	<u>Maximum Imprisonment</u>	<u>Maximum Fine</u>
Class B felony	40 years	No fine option
Class BC felony	20 years	\$10,000

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

**SECTION 1.** 940.225 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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940.225 (1) (a) Has sexual contact or sexual intercourse with another person
without consent of that person and causes pregnancy or great bodily harm or
<u>substantial bodily harm</u> to that person.

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### **SECTION 2.** Initial applicability.

5 (1) This act first applies to offenses committed on the effective date of this6 subsection.

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