



1997 SENATE BILL 196

May 7, 1997 – Introduced by Senators BRESKE, ROESSLER and A. LASEE, cosponsored by Representatives OURADA, GOETSCH, HAHN, VANDER LOOP, RYBA, PLALE and SERATTI. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Campaign Finance Reform and Consumer Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 948.20; and *to create* 948.20 (2) and 948.20
2 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** abandonment of a child and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person is guilty of child abandonment if, with intent to abandon the child, the person leaves a child in a place where the child may suffer because of neglect. A person convicted of child abandonment may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 5 years or both. This bill provides that a person is guilty of child abandonment if, with intent to abandon the child, the person leaves the child in a hospital or in a clinic or office that is used primarily for the provision of medical care and treatment.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 948.20 of the statutes is renumbered 948.20 (intro.) and amended
4 to read:

5 **948.20 Abandonment of a child.** (intro.) Whoever, with intent to abandon
6 the child, leaves any child in a any of the following places is guilty of a Class D felony:

