

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 280

April 22, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives BOCK, YOUNG, LA FAVE, WASSERMAN and MORRIS-TATUM, cosponsored by Senator BURKE. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice.

1 **AN ACT to create** 941.39 of the statutes; **relating to:** instructing or training
2 persons to use weapons or techniques in civil disorders and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits various conduct that is intended to endanger or harm others. This bill prohibits a person from instructing or training others regarding the use, application or manufacture of certain weapons or techniques that are capable of causing injury or death if the person intends or knows that the knowledge will be used in a civil disorder or in furtherance of a civil disorder. A person who violates this prohibition may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than five years or both, if the offense occurs before December 31, 1999, or may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than ten years or both, if the offense occurs on or after December 31, 1999.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 941.39 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **941.39 Instruction and training; civil disorders. (1)** In this section:

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1 (a) “Civil disorder” means a gathering of 3 or more persons engaging in acts of
2 violence against persons or property that cause an immediate danger of or result in
3 damage or injury.

4 (b) “Explosive or incendiary device” means any of the following:

5 1. Dynamite or other form of high explosive.

6 2. A bomb, grenade, missile or similar device.

7 3. A fire bomb, as defined under s. 943.06 (1).

8 (c) “Firearm” means any weapon designed to or that may readily be converted
9 to expel any projectile by the action of an explosive, or the frame or receiver of such
10 a weapon.

11 (2) Whoever demonstrates to, trains or teaches any other person regarding the
12 use, application or manufacture of a firearm, explosive or incendiary device or a
13 technique capable of causing injury or death, if the person intends or knows that the
14 knowledge will be unlawfully used in, or in furtherance of, a civil disorder, is guilty
15 of a Class D felony.

16 (END)