

1999 SENATE BILL 191

June 10, 1999 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, PANZER, ROSENZWEIG and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives SUDER, NASS, PLALE, MUSSER, BRANDEMUEHL, SERATTI, URBAN, CARPENTER and PLOUFF. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Consumer Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to create** 947.017 of the statutes; **relating to:** threats to cause death,
2 bodily harm or property damage in certain places and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits a person from intentionally conveying a threat or false information, knowing the threat or information to be false, concerning an attempt or an alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy property with explosives. This bill prohibits a person from threatening to use a dangerous weapon or explosives to cause death, bodily harm or property damage at a government building, a school, an institution of higher education, a structure housing a head start program or a day care center. A person who violates this prohibition may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than two 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 five 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.** 947.017 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **947.017 Threat to cause death, bodily harm or property damage. (1)**
5 In this section, "governmental unit" means the United States, this state or one of its

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1 political subdivisions, an instrumentality or corporation of any of the foregoing or a
2 combination or subunit of any of the foregoing.

3 **(2)** A person is guilty of a Class E felony if the person threatens to use a
4 dangerous weapon or explosives to cause death, bodily harm or property damage in
5 or on the premises of any of the following:

6 (a) A structure owned, occupied or controlled by a governmental unit.

7 (b) A kindergarten or an elementary or secondary school.

8 (c) An institution of higher education, as defined in s. 108.02 (18).

9 (d) A structure in which a head start agency under 42 USC 9836 conducts a
10 head start program.

11 (e) A day care center licensed under s. 48.65

12 **(END)**