

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 290

April 3, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives J. FITZGERALD, SUDER, BERCEAU, STARZYK, FREESE, RYBA, KRAWCZYK, SERATTI, TOWNSEND, MCCORMICK, OLSEN, GUNDERSON, POWERS, AINSWORTH, NASS, GROTHMAN, OTT, SYKORA, WADE, VRAKAS and PETROWSKI, cosponsored by Senators ERPENBACH, SCHULTZ, M. MEYER, ROESSLER, HANSEN and S. FITZGERALD. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 347.50 (1) and 347.50 (2); and **to create** 347.475 of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** prohibiting the installation of a previously deployed or an
3 otherwise nonfunctional airbag and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits a person from installing a previously deployed airbag into a motor vehicle, from removing or tampering with an airbag, with limited exceptions, or from concealing an absent or nonfunctional airbag. The bill provides the following penalties for each violation: a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year in a county jail or both.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 347.475 of the statutes is created to read:
5 **347.475 Airbags, prohibited practices. (1)** In this section, “airbag” means
6 an inflatable restraint system that is designed to be installed and to operate in a
7 motor vehicle to deploy by inflating upon an impact of the vehicle with another object.

