



2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 911

March 14, 2002 - Introduced by Representative SCHNEIDER, by request of Jacki Kleifgen. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 943.20 (1) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** the late return of
2 a rented personal property and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person commits theft if the person intentionally fails to return rented personal property for which the person signed a written rental agreement within 10 days after the expiration of the rental agreement. The penalty for theft is a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or confinement in jail for not more than nine months or both if the value of the property stolen is \$2,500 or less. If the value of the property stolen is more than \$2,500, the penalty is a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment (consisting of a period of confinement in prison followed by a period of supervised release) for not more than 15 years or both.

This bill reduces from ten to five the number of days after expiration of a rental agreement that intentional failure to return rented personal property constitutes theft.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 943.20 (1) (e) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16,
4 is amended to read:

