

2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 135

March 5, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives BENEDICT, SHERIDAN, BIES, GRONEMUS, MUSSER, SINICKI and TURNER, cosponsored by Senators ROBSON, ROESSLER and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 941.20 (1m) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** pointing a firearm
2 at or towards a law enforcement officer and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits a person from intentionally pointing a firearm at or towards a law enforcement officer who is acting in an official capacity. A person who violates this prohibition is guilty of a felony and may be fined up to \$10,000 or sentenced to a term of imprisonment of up to six years (which, if the sentence is for more than one year, includes a term of extended supervision) or both.

This bill prohibits a person from intentionally pointing an object at or towards a law enforcement officer who is acting in an official capacity if the law enforcement officer may reasonably believe that the object is a firearm.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

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.** 941.20 (1m) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

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SECTION 1

1 941.20 **(1m)** (c) Whoever intentionally points at or towards a law enforcement
2 officer any object that the law enforcement officer could reasonably believe, given the
3 circumstances, is a firearm is guilty of a Class H felony if the law enforcement officer
4 is acting in an official capacity and the person knows or has reason to know that the
5 officer is a law enforcement officer.

6 (END)