ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 578

December 6, 2007 – Offered by Representative Musser.

AN ACT *to create* 973.20 (15) of the statutes; **relating to:** restitution for misappropriation from a cemetery of certain objects that relate to a veteran.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a court generally must order a person who is convicted of a crime to pay restitution to any victim of the crime unless the court finds substantial reason not to order restitution. This substitute amendment specifies that a court must require a person who is convicted of misappropriating, from a cemetery, an object that indicates that a deceased was a veteran, to reimburse the cost of replacing the object.

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

SECTION 1. 973.20 (15) of the statutes is created to read:

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973.20 **(15)** If misappropriation, from a cemetery, of an object that indicates that a deceased was a veteran, as described in s. 45.001, is a crime considered at sentencing, the restitution order shall require that the defendant reimburse an individual, organization, or governmental entity for the cost of replacing the object.

- 1 Section 2. Initial applicability.
- 2 (1) This act first applies to restitution orders made on the effective date of this
- 3 subsection.
- 4 (END)