2007 SENATE BILL 498

February 15, 2008 – Introduced by Senators LASSA, GROTHMAN, OLSEN, COWLES, HARSDORF, LAZICH, ROESSLER, SCHULTZ and KEDZIE, cosponsored by Representatives BALLWEG, BIES, HINES, KESTELL, LEMAHIEU, MOLEPSKE, MURSAU, ZIEGELBAUER, ALBERS, FRISKE, GOTTLIEB, HAHN, HIXSON, JESKEWITZ, KAUFERT, MUSSER, NYGREN, A. OTT, PETROWSKI, TAUCHEN, TOWNSEND and LOTHIAN. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Corrections, and Housing.

AN ACT ***to amend*** 941.295 (2) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** possession of an electric weapon.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits selling, transporting, manufacturing, possessing, or going armed with an electric weapon, which is a device that is designed, redesigned, used, or intended to be used to immobilize or incapacitate persons by the use of electric current. This prohibition does not apply to peace officers, on–duty armed forces or national guard personnel, on–duty corrections personnel employed by the Department of Corrections, manufacturers or sellers who provide electric weapons exclusively to those persons, or common carriers transporting electric weapons.

This bill makes the prohibition regarding electric weapons inapplicable to on–duty county corrections personnel.

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

SECTION 1. 941.295 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

941.295 **(2)** (c) Any corrections personnel in <u>a county or in</u> the department of corrections while on official duty.

(END)