January 18, 2008 – Introduced by Representatives VAN ROY, KLEEFISCH, NYGREN, ZIEGELBAUER, KERKMAN, MUSSER, WOOD, MURSAU, JESKEWITZ, NASS, NEWCOMER, LOTHIAN, TOWNSEND, A. OTT, PRIDEMORE, GUNDERSON, DAVIS, MOULTON, VOS, OWENS, KESTELL, BIES, PETROWSKI, M. WILLIAMS, F. LASEE, MURTHA, NERISON and SUDER, cosponsored by Senators A. LASEE, LAZICH, ROESSLER, SCHULTZ and COWLES. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Ethics.

AN ACT to create 59.27 (2m) of the statutes; relating to: legal status of persons who have been charged with certain crimes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the county sheriff is responsible for the charge and custody of any jail in his or her county and for keeping a register of each prisoner committed to every jail under the sheriff’s charge, including the prisoner’s name, residence, commitment time and reason, and description. This bill requires a sheriff to verify the citizenship of a prisoner if the prisoner is charged with a felony or with intoxicated operation of a vehicle, an all-terrain vehicle, a boat, or a snowmobile. If the prisoner is not a U.S. citizen and is not authorized to be in the United States under federal law, the sheriff must notify U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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:

SECTION 1. 59.27 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

59.27 (2m) Verify the citizenship of any prisoner committed to any jail under the sheriff’s charge if the prisoner is charged with a felony or with a violation of s.
23.33 (4c), 30.681, 346.63, or 350.101. If the prisoner is not a U.S. citizen and is not
authorized to be in the United States under federal law, the sheriff shall notify U.S.
Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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