February 26, 2008 – Introduced by Representatives Friske and Bies, cosponsored by Senators Breske, S. Fitzgerald and Hansen. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice.

AN ACT to create 20.455 (2) (gu) of the statutes; relating to: fees from retired law enforcement officers seeking to carry concealed weapons and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates an appropriation account into which the Department of Justice (DOJ) may deposit any fees that DOJ charges retired law enforcement officers who are seeking a certification card that will allow them to carry concealed weapons. The creation of the appropriation account is contingent upon passage of another bill that makes certain changes in Wisconsin law to account for a federal law that requires the state to permit an individual who has retired from working as a law enforcement officer in Wisconsin or in any other state to carry a concealed firearm, regardless of any prohibition imposed under state law, if the person meets certain qualifications and is carrying certain forms of identification and certification.

For further information see the state 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. 20.455 (2) (gu) of the statutes is created to read:
20.455 (2) (gu) Certification cards for carrying concealed weapons. All moneys received as fees under s. 175.48 to verify eligibility of, and to issue certification cards to, retired law enforcement officers seeking to carry concealed weapons.

SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) RECONCILIATION PROVISION. The creation of section 20.455 (2) (gu) of the statutes by this act is void unless 2007 Wisconsin Act .... (Senate Bill/Assembly Bill ....) (LRB-3780/1) creates, under section 175.48 of the statutes, as created by that act, a process by which the department of justice may issue certification cards to retired law enforcement officers permitting them to carry concealed weapons.

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