



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 72
[2011 Assembly Bill 212]

**Throwing Bodily Substances at
Public Safety Workers**

2011 Wisconsin Act 72 amends the statute penalizing a person who throws or expels a bodily substance at a public safety worker. Act 72 removes the requirement that the person intend to cause bodily harm.

Under current law, a person violates the law prohibiting a person from throwing or expelling a bodily substance at a public safety worker if three elements are met. First, the person who throws the bodily substance must have intent that it come into contact with the public safety worker. Second, the person must have intent that the bodily substance cause bodily harm to the public safety worker. Finally, the bodily substance must be thrown at the public safety worker without his or her consent.

Act 72 removes the second element requiring that a person *intend* that the bodily substance *cause bodily harm*. A person now violates the statute if he or she throws or expels a bodily substance with the intent that it come into contact with a public safety worker, and if the bodily substance is thrown or expelled without consent of the public safety worker.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.