



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 99
[2011 Assembly Bill 103]

**Receiving or Concealing
a Stolen Firearm**

2011 Wisconsin Act 99 increases the penalties for receiving or concealing a stolen firearm.

Under *current law*, the penalties for receiving or concealing stolen property correspond to the value of that property. For instance, a person who intentionally receives or conceals stolen property worth \$2,500 or less is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, while a person who receives or conceals stolen property worth between \$5,000 and \$10,000 is guilty of a Class H felony.

Act 99 amends current law so that a person who receives or conceals a stolen firearm is guilty of a Class H felony, regardless of the value of the firearm. Specifically, the Act amends ss. 943.34 (Receiving stolen property), and 948.62, Stats. (Receiving stolen property from a child), to provide that a person who receives or conceals a stolen firearm is guilty of a Class H felony. The penalties for a Class H felony include a fine of \$10,000 or less, imprisonment of six years or less, or both.

Act 99 also amends s. 943.34, Stats. (Receiving stolen property), to include the word “knowingly.” The Act penalizes a person who either knowingly or intentionally receives or conceals stolen property.

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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/>.