April 26, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives LeMahieu, Bies, Petersen, Mursau, Strachota, Pridemore, Bernier, Ripp, A. Ott, Brooks and Spanbauer, cosponsored by Senators Leibham and Olsen. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections.

AN ACT to amend 943.34 (1) (intro.), 943.34 (1) (bm) and 948.62 (1) (bm) of the statutes; relating to: receiving a stolen firearm and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who steals a firearm is guilty of a Class H felony and may be fined up to $10,000, imprisoned for up to six years, or both. A person who intentionally receives stolen property may be guilty of a misdemeanor or a felony, depending on the value of the property received, and the amount of the fine, jail time, or imprisonment to which the person may be subjected is determined by the value of the property received.

Under this bill, a person who intentionally receives a stolen firearm, regardless of the value of the firearm, is guilty of a Class H felony and may be fined up to $10,000, imprisoned for up to six years, or both.

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. 943.34 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

943.34 (1) (intro.) Except as provided under s. 948.62, whoever knowingly or intentionally receives or conceals stolen property is guilty of:
SECTION 2. 943.34 (1) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

943.34 (1) (bm) A Class H felony, if the property is a firearm or if the value of the property exceeds $5,000 but does not exceed $10,000.

SECTION 3. 948.62 (1) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

948.62 (1) (bm) A Class H felony, if the property is a firearm or if the value of the property exceeds $2,500 but does not exceed $5,000.

(END)