2011 SENATE BILL 109

May 26, 2011 – Introduced by Senators LEIBHAM and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives ENDSLEY, ZIEGELBAUER, BROOKS, KAUFERT, KERKMAN, SPANBAUER, STEINEKE, ZEPNICK and LEMAHIEU. Referred to Committee on Labor, Public Safety, and Urban Affairs.

AN ACT to amend 946.41 (2r) of the statutes; relating to: soft tissue injury to a law enforcement officer when resisting or obstructing arrest.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who, while knowingly resisting or obstructing a law enforcement officer, causes substantial bodily harm to a law enforcement officer is guilty of a felony. “Substantial bodily harm” means a bodily injury that causes a laceration that requires stitches, staples, or a tissue adhesive; any fracture of a bone; a broken nose; a burn; a petechia; a temporary loss of consciousness, sight, or hearing; a concussion; or a loss or fracture of a tooth. This bill adds a soft tissue injury to the list of injuries that would result in the commission of a felony.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 946.41 (2r) of the statutes is amended to read:

946.41 (2r) Whoever violates sub. (1) and causes substantial bodily harm or a soft tissue injury to an officer is guilty of a Class H felony.

(END)