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AN ACT to amend 943.45 (3) (a), 943.46 (4) (a) and 943.48 (1m) of the statutes;

relating to: theft of communication and video services, civil damages resulting

from the theft of certain services, and providing penalties.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits a person from obtaining without telecommunications service and from obtaining without payment video service. A person who violates either prohibition for the first time is subject to a Class C forfeiture. Under this bill, a person who violates either prohibition for the first time is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

Under current law if a person who incurs injury as a result of theft of telecommunications service, commercial mobile service, video service, or satellite cable programming prevails in a civil suit against the person who committed the theft, the court must grant the injured person actual damages, costs, and disbursements. The court is not permitted to grant attorney fees unless the person who committed the theft did it willfully and for commercial advantage or was previously convicted for the same violation. This bill permits the court to grant reasonable attorney fees for a first violation without regard to commercial advantage).

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to

result if the bill is enacted.

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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. 943.45 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 2 943.45 (3) (a) Except as provided in pars. (b) to (d), any person who violates sub.
- (1) is subject to a Class C forfeiture misdemeanor.
- 4 SECTION 2. 943.46 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 5 943.46 (4) (a) Except as provided in pars. (b) to (d), any person who violates sub.
- (2) (a) to (f) is subject to a Class C forfeiture misdemeanor.
 - SECTION 3. 943.48 (lm) of the statutes is amended to read:
 - 943.48 (1m) Except as provided in sub. (2), if the person who incurs the loss prevails, the court shall grant the prevailing party actual damages, costs and disbursements and may grant the prevailing party reasonable attorney fees.
- 11 Section 4. Initial applicability.
- 12 (1) This act first applies to acts committed on the effective date of this subsection.

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