



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 311 [2015 Assembly Bill 341]	Terrorist Threats
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2015 Wisconsin Act 311 (“the Act”) creates the crime of terrorist threats. Under the Act, it is a Class I felony¹ for a person to threaten to cause the death of or bodily harm to any person or to damage any person’s property under any of the following circumstances:

- The actor intends to prevent the occupation of or cause the evacuation of a building, dwelling, school premises, vehicle, facility of public transportation, or place of public assembly or any room within a building, dwelling, or school premises.
- The actor intends to cause public inconvenience.
- The actor intends to cause public panic or fear.
- The actor intends to cause an interruption or impairment of governmental operations or public communication, of transportation, or of a supply of water, gas, or other public service.
- The actor creates an unreasonable and substantial risk of causing a result of one of the harms listed in the bullet points above, and is aware of that risk.

Also, a person who violates the prohibition above and contributes to any individual’s death is guilty of a Class G felony.²

Effective date: This Act took effect on April 1, 2016.

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¹ A Class I felony is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000, imprisonment not to exceed three years and six months, or both. [s. 939.50 (3) (i), Stats.]

² A Class G felony is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$25,000, imprisonment not to exceed 10 years, or both. [s. 939.50 (3) (g), Stats.]

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.wisconsin.gov>.

