



2015 SENATE BILL 682

February 1, 2016 – Introduced by Senators CARPENTER, VINEHOUT, C. LARSON and LASSA, cosponsored by Representatives ZEPNICK, SARGENT and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 939.645 (2) (a), (b) and (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** penalty
2 enhancers for certain crimes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill increases the penalty enhancers the court may impose on the sentence of a person who commits what is commonly known as a “hate crime,” which is a crime in which the perpetrator selects the victim due to the victim’s race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, or ancestry. The bill does the following: 1) for a misdemeanor that is lower than a Class A misdemeanor, increases the revised maximum fine from \$10,000 to \$20,000; 2) for a Class A misdemeanor, increases the revised maximum fine from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and increases the revised maximum term of imprisonment from two years to four years; and 3) for a felony, changes the maximum increase of the fine from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and changes the maximum increase in the term of imprisonment from five years to ten years.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 939.645 (2) (a), (b) and (c) of the statutes are amended to read:
4 939.645 **(2)** (a) If the crime committed under sub. (1) is ordinarily a
5 misdemeanor other than a Class A misdemeanor, the revised maximum fine is

