February 21, 2018 - Introduced by Senators FEYEN, ERPENBACH and CRAIG, cosponsored by Representatives HESSELBEIN, DUCHOW, JACQUE, KULP, CONSIDINE, SPIROS, ROHRKASTE, BERCEAU, SPREITZER and TUSLER. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

AN ACT to renumber and amend 946.465; and to create 946.465 (2) of the statutes; relating to: failure to charge a mandatory GPS device and providing a criminal penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Department of Corrections to track a person using a global positioning system tracking device if the person committed certain child sex offenses or if the person is on supervised release after having been committed for treatment as a sexually violent person. Under current law, a person who tampers with, or blocks, diffuses, or prevents the clear reception of a signal from, such a GPS device is guilty of a Class I felony. Under this bill, a person who is subject to such GPS tracking is guilty of a Class I felony if he or she intentionally fails to charge the GPS device.

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

SECTION 1. 946.465 of the statutes is renumbered 946.465 (intro.) and amended to read:
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946.465 Tampering with a global positioning system tracking device.

(intro.) Whoever, without the authorization of the department of corrections, intentionally does any of the following is guilty of a Class I felony:

(1) Intentionally tampers with, or blocks, diffuses, or prevents the clear reception of, a signal transmitted by, a global positioning system tracking device or comparable technology that is provided under s. 301.48 or 301.49 is guilty of a Class I felony.

SECTION 2. 946.465 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

946.465 (2) Intentionally fails to charge a global positioning system tracking device that is provided under s. 301.48 if the person is subject to lifetime tracking under s. 301.48 (2).

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