AN ACT to renumber and amend 941.26 (1c); to amend 941.26 (4) (a); and to create 941.26 (1c) (a) of the statutes; relating to: pepper spray and CS gel substances.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person is prohibited from selling, possessing, using, or transporting any container into which tear gas or any similar substance can be used or placed for use to cause bodily discomfort, panic, or damage to property. Current law provides that this prohibition does not apply to any device or container that contains a combination of oleoresin of capsicum and inert ingredients, commonly known as pepper spray. This bill specifies that the current prohibition on tear gas substances also does not apply to any device or container that contains CS gel and inert ingredients. CS gel is defined as nonatomizing, gel-form chlorobenzalmalononitrile, which is a product that has a similar effect to pepper spray.

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

SECTION 1. 941.26 (1c) of the statutes is renumbered 941.26 (1c) (intro.) and amended to read:
941.26 (1c) (intro.) In this section, “machine:

(b) “Machine gun” has the meaning given in s. 941.25 (1).

SECTION 2. 941.26 (1c) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

941.26 (1c) (a) “CS gel” means nonatomizing, gel-form
chlorobenzalmalononitrile.

SECTION 3. 941.26 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

941.26 (4) (a) Subsections (1g) to (3) do not apply to any device or container that contains a combination of oleoresin of capsicum or CS gel and inert ingredients but does not contain any other gas or substance that will cause bodily discomfort.