2021 SENATE BILL 229

March 24, 2021 – Introduced by Senators TESTIN, FELZKOWSKI, BALLWEG, MARKLEIN, NASS and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives CALLAHAN, SCHRAA, BOWEN, BRANDTJEN, BROOKS, EDMING, KITCHENS, ROZAR, SNYDER, SPIROS and VANDERMEER. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

AN ACT to renumber 946.465; to amend 946.465 (title); and to create 946.465 (1) and 946.465 (2) (title) of the statutes; relating to: refusing or tampering with a global positioning system tracking device and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, it is a Class I felony to tamper with a GPS tracking device that is provided by the Department of Corrections to track persons who have been convicted of certain offenses or who violate certain orders or injunctions. This bill makes it a Class I felony to knowingly refuse, resist, or obstruct the installation of a GPS tracking device. A Class I felony is punishable by a fine of up to $10,000 or imprisonment of up to three years and six months, or both.

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.

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

SECTION 1. 946.465 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

946.465 (title) Tampering Refusing or tampering with a global positioning system tracking device.
SECTION 2. 946.465 of the statutes is renumbered 946.465 (2).

SECTION 3. 946.465 (1) of the statutes is created to read:

946.465 (1) REFUSING A GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM TRACKING DEVICE. Whoever, without the authorization of the department of corrections, knowingly refuses, resists, or obstructs the installation of 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 4. 946.465 (2) (title) of the statutes is created to read:

946.465 (2) (title) TAMPERING WITH A GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM TRACKING DEVICE.