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CHAPTER 419.

AN ACT to amend 348.412 of the statutes, relating to publication of identity of rape victim and victim of similar offensive criminal assaults.

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

348.412 of the statutes is amended to read:

348.412 * * * COMMUNICATION OF IDENTITY OF VICTIM OF OFFENSIVE CRIME. Any person who shall publish or cause to be published in any newspaper, magazine, periodical or circular, * * * or radio or television broadcast or other similar method of disseminating news to the public, or communicate to another by telephone, telegraph, letter or any other means, with intent that the same may be so published the identity of a * * * living person as a victim of (a) rape, (b) carnal knowledge and abuse, commonly known as statutory rape, (c) sodomy, (d) or taking improper liberties with a minor, any of which occurred or is alleged to have occurred within this state, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year or by a fine not exceeding \$500, or by both such fine and imprisonment. This section does not apply to communications or publications necessary in the official investigation, institution, prosecution or defense of any civil or criminal court proceeding or in the compilation of the records pertaining thereto.

Approved July 7, 1949.