

1983 Assembly Bill 515

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1983 Wisconsin Act 198

AN ACT to create 940.34 of the statutes, relating to duty to aid endangered crime victims and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. 940.34 of the statutes is created to read:

940.34 Duty to aid endangered crime victim. (1) Whoever violates sub. (2) is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

(2) Any person who knows that a crime is being committed and that a victim is exposed to bodily harm shall summon law enforcement officers or other assistance or shall provide assistance to the victim. A person need not comply with this subsection if any of the following apply:

- (a) Compliance would place him or her in danger.
- (b) Compliance would interfere with duties the person owes to others.
- (c) Assistance is being summoned or provided by others.

(3) If a person renders emergency care for a victim, s. 895.48 applies. Any person who provides other reasonable assistance under this section is immune from civil liability for his or her acts or omissions in providing the assistance. This immunity does not apply if the person receives or expects to receive compensation for providing the assistance.
