



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1160/P1
MLJ:cdc

DOA:.....Hamer, BB0101 - Eliminate felony penalty for bail jumping

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

CRIMES

Penalty for bail jumping

Under current law, bail jumping means failure to comply with the terms of a bond after being released from custody in a pending criminal matter. Bail jumping for a defendant who has been released on bond after being charged with a crime is a Class A misdemeanor if the offense with which the defendant is charged is a misdemeanor and a Class H felony if the offense with which the defendant is charged is a felony, and bail jumping for a witness for whom bail has been required is a Class I felony. Under this bill, any bail jumping violation a Class A misdemeanor, regardless of the underlying offense or whether the individual is a defendant or witness.

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

SECTION 1. 946.49 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 946.49 (1) and amended to read:

946.49 (1) Whoever, having been released from custody under ch. 969, intentionally fails to comply with the terms of his or her bond is: guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. 946.49 (1) (a) and (b) of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 3. 946.49 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

946.49 (2) A witness for whom bail has been required under s. 969.01 (3) is guilty of a Class ~~I felony~~ A misdemeanor for failure to appear as provided.

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