

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

## 2003 Assembly Bill 327

## Assembly Amendment 1

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Assembly Bill 327 provides that whoever sends, posts, or displays a message on a computerized communication system under either of the following conditions is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor\* if the message includes information on how to contact the individual who is the subject of the message:

- The message invites another to communicate with the individual and the actor intends that the individual be harassed by that communication and that the communication serve no legitimate purpose.
- The message invites another to send mail or a message to the individual or make a telephone call to the individual and use obscene, lewd, or profane language or suggest any lewd or lascivious act in the mail, message, or telephone call and the actor intends that another will send such mail or message or make such a telephone call.

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that when a person sends a message inviting others to contact another individual, as described in the second item, above, the actor must do so with the intent that the invited mail, message, or telephone call frighten, intimidate, threaten, abuse, or harass the individual.

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Friske. The Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 1, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 3, on September 17, 2003.

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<sup>\*</sup> A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by imprisonment of not more than nine months and a fine of not more than \$10,000.