



1995 SENATE BILL 145

April 19, 1995 - Introduced by Senators RUDE, BURKE, COWLES, RISSER, PLEWA and WINEKE, cosponsored by Representatives FREESE, JOHNSRUD, BALDWIN, OTT, LORGE, LA FAVE, R. YOUNG, HANSON, ROBSON, NOTESTEIN and PLACHE. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1 **AN ACT to create** 943.014 of the statutes; **relating to:** demolition of historic
2 buildings and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law provides various penalties for intentionally causing property damage without the owner's consent. This bill prohibits the intentional demolition of a historic building without authorization from the applicable local governmental body or officer. Upon conviction, violators must be fined not more than an amount equal to 2 times the fair market value of the building and may be imprisoned for not more than 9 months.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 943.014 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **943.014 Demolition of historic building without authorization.** (1) In
5 this section, "historic building" means any building or structure that is listed on, or
6 any building or structure within and contributing to a historic district that is listed
7 on, the national register of historic places in Wisconsin or the state register of historic
8 places or any building or structure that is included on a list of historic places
9 designated by a city, village, town or county.

10 (2) Whoever intentionally demolishes a historic building without a permit
11 issued by a city, village, town or county or without an order issued under s. 66.05 shall

1 be fined an amount equal to 2 times the fair market value of the historic building
2 immediately prior to demolition and may be imprisoned for not more than 9 months.

3 (END)