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1995 SENATE BILL 631

March 19, 1996 – Introduced by Senators Jauch, Drzewiecki, Andrea, C. Potter, Grobschmidt, Burke, Moen, Decker, Clausing, Chvala, Breske and Fitzgerald, cosponsored by Representatives Dobyns, Boyle, Musser, Wirch, Hahn, Otte, Wasserman, Meyer, F. Lasee, Black, Ziegelbauer, Seratti, Ryba, Grothman, Baldus, Lorge, Turner, L. Young, Gronemus, Coggs, Robson and Foti. Referred to Committee on State Government Operations and Corrections.

- AN ACT to amend 110.07 (3); and to create 110.07 (5) of the statutes; relating
- to: bulletproof garments for state traffic patrol officers and motor vehicle inspectors.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the secretary of transportation employs officers of the state traffic patrol and motor vehicle inspectors. Not more than 385 traffic officers may be employed by the secretary of transportation.

This bill requires the secretary of transportation to equip each traffic officer or motor vehicle inspector who requests a bulletproof garment (a vest or other garment that prevents bullets from penetrating through the garment) with a bulletproof garment.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

- **Section 1.** 110.07 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 110.07 (3) The secretary may employ inspectors who may not wear the uniform of the state patrol, whose duties shall be to enforce and assist in administering s. 346.63, this chapter and chs. 194, 218, 340 to 345 and 347 to 351, s. 23.33, the inspection requirements of s. 121.555 (2) (b) and the requirements under s. 346.45

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(4) for vehicles being used to transport hazardous materials. Such inspectors, in the performance of these duties, shall have the powers and authority of state traffic officers. For the purpose of death, disability and retirement coverage, such inspectors shall be subject to ch. 40 as is the state traffic patrol. The Subject to sub. (5), the secretary may clothe and equip inspectors as the interest of public safety and their duties require.

Section 2. 110.07 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

110.07 (5) (a) In this subsection, "bulletproof garment" has the meaning given in s. 939.64 (1).

(b) Upon request of an officer of the state traffic patrol under sub. (1) or inspector under sub. (3), the department shall make available to the traffic officer or inspector a bulletproof garment that may be used in the performance of his or her duties under this section. The department shall equip a traffic officer or inspector with a bulletproof garment as soon as practicable after receipt of the request from the traffic officer or inspector under this paragraph, provided that each traffic officer or inspector who has made a request before September 1, 1997, shall be equipped with a bulletproof garment by that date.

18 (END)