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## **1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 932**

March 19, 1998 – Introduced by Representatives BALDWIN, LADWIG, BRANDEMUEHL, BOYLE, MUSSER, NOTESTEIN, PLOUFF, RILEY and SYKORA, cosponsored by Senator ROSENZWEIG. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections.

1 AN ACT to amend 940.19 (1); and to create 940.19 (1m) of the statutes; relating 2 to: battery.

#### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who intentionally causes bodily harm to another without that other person's consent may, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 9 months or both. With one exception covering athletic competition or training, this bill removes the nonconsent elements of this crime. Thus, unless the exception applies, a person is subject to the penalties if he or she intentionally causes bodily harm to another.

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

- **SECTION 1.** 940.19 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 4 940.19 (1) Whoever causes bodily harm to another by an act done with intent
- 5 to cause bodily harm to that person or another <del>without the consent of the person so</del>
- 6 harmed is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
- 7 SECTION 2. 940.19 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

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940.19 (1m) A person has a defense to prosecution under sub. (1) if the victim
consented to the act that caused the bodily harm and the victim was, at the time of
the act, voluntarily participating in athletic competition or training. A defendant
who raises this defense has the burden of proving the defense by a preponderance
of the evidence.

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### SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

7 (1) This act first applies to offenses committed on the effective date of this8 subsection.

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#### (END)

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