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2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 690

January 11, 2008 – Introduced by Representatives Wieckert, Friske, Bies, Turner, Vos, A. Ott, Mursau, A. Williams and Honadel, cosponsored by Senators Plale, Roessler and Olsen. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice.

AN ACT to amend 6.47 (1) (b), 36.11 (22) (a) 1. a. and 38.12 (11) (a) 1.; and to create 947.013 (10) of the statutes; relating to: harassment of a person who is part of a neighborhood crime watch program and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person is subject to a forfeiture if he or she, intending to harass or intimidate another, subjects another to physical contact or engages in a course of conduct that harasses or intimidates another person and that serves no legitimate purpose. Under this bill, a person who does such activities is guilty of a misdemeanor if the victim is a member of a neighborhood crime watch program and is engaged in activities related to the program.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

For further information see the *state and local* 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. 6.47 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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6.47 (1) (b) "Offense relating to domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking"
means an offense specified in s. 940.19, 940.20 (1m), 940.201, 940.22, 940.225,
940.32, or 947.013, except s. 947.013 (10), or s. 948.02, 948.025, 948.06, 948.085,
948.09, or 948.095.
Section 2. 36.11 (22) (a) 1. a. of the statutes is amended to read:
36.11 (22) (a) 1. a. The legal definitions of, and penalties for, sexual assault
under ss. 940.225 , 948.02 and 948.025 , sexual exploitation by a therapist under s.
940.22, and harassment under s. 947.013, except s. 947.013 (10).
Section 3. 38.12 (11) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
38.12 (11) (a) 1. The legal definitions of, and penalties for, sexual assault under
ss. 940.225 , 948.02 and 948.025 , sexual exploitation by a therapist under s. 940.22 ,
and harassment under s. 947.013, except s. 947.013 (10).

Section 4. 947.013 (10) of the statutes is created to read:

947.013 (10) Whoever violates sub. (1m) is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor if the person knows or has reason to know that the victim is a member of a neighborhood crime watch program that is authorized by a law enforcement agency and if the victim is engaged in, or traveling to or from, an event that is organized through the neighborhood crime watch program.

19 (END)