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2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 171

March 26, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives KRAMER, KESSLER and SCHNEIDER, cosponsored by Senator ERPENBACH. Referred to Committee on Personal Privacy.

1 AN ACT *to create* 940.315 of the statutes; **relating to:** unlawful use of a global

positioning device and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes it unlawful to place a global positioning device on another person's vehicle without that person's knowledge and consent or to intentionally obtain information regarding another person's movement or location generated by a global positioning device without that person's knowledge or consent. A person who does so is guilty of a Class I felony and is subject to a fine not to exceed \$10,000, imprisonment not to exceed three years and six months, or both.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 940.315 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **940.315 Global positioning devices.** Whoever places a global positioning

5 device on a vehicle owned or used by another person without that person's knowledge

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and consent or intentionally obtains information regarding another person's
movement or location generated by a global positioning device without that person's
knowledge or consent is guilty of a Class I felony. This section does not apply to a law
enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity or to an employer, as defined
in s. 343.245 (1) (b), acting to track the movement or location of a commercial motor
vehicle during business hours.

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