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## State of Misconsin 2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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## 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 894

February 9, 2016 – Introduced by Representatives Subeck, Berceau, Johnson, Sinicki, C. Taylor and Zepnick, cosponsored by Senator C. Larson. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

1 AN ACT to renumber and amend 175.37 (1); to amend 175.37 (title) and 175.37

(2); and *to create* 175.37 (1) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** containers or trigger locks provided at a firearm sale and providing a criminal penalty.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires a person who commercially sells or transfers a firearm to provide the purchaser or transferee with either a secure, lockable container that is designed to store a firearm or a trigger lock for the firearm. A seller or transferor who violates this requirement is subject to a fine of up to \$500 or imprisonment for up to 30 days, or both.

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

- **Section 1.** 175.37 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 5 175.37 (title) Warning Requirements whenever transferring a firearm.
- 6 **Section 2.** 175.37 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 175.37 (1) (intro.) and
- 7 amended to read:

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| 1  | 175.37 (1) (intro.) Upon the retail commercial sale or retail commercial transfer        |
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| 2  | of any firearm, the seller or transferor shall provide to the buyer or transferee all of |
| 3  | the following:   |
| 4  | (a) A written warning in block letters not less than one-fourth inch in height:          |
| 5  | "IF YOU LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM WITHIN THE REACH OR EASY ACCESS                           |
| 6  | OF A CHILD YOU MAY BE FINED OR IMPRISONED OR BOTH IF THE CHILD                           |
| 7  | IMPROPERLY DISCHARGES, POSSESSES OR EXHIBITS THE FIREARM."                               |
| 8  | <b>Section 3.</b> 175.37 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:                     |
| 9  | 175.37 (1) (b) A secure, lockable container that is designed to store a firearm          |
| 10 | or a trigger lock for the firearm.   |
| 11 | <b>Section 4.</b> 175.37 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:                         |
| 12 | 175.37 (2) Any person who violates sub. (1) (a) or (b) may be fined not more than        |
| 13 | \$500 or imprisoned for not more than 30 days or both.                                   |
| 14 | (END)  |