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2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 129

March 24, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives Dittrich, Subeck, Penterman, Krug, Gundrum, Bodden, Rozar, Emerson, Rodriguez, Schutt, Kitchens, Sinicki, Andraca, Brooks, Green, Joers, Brandtjen, Ortiz-Velez, Conley, Gustafson, Jacobson, Allen, J. Anderson, Clancy, C. Anderson, Ohnstad, Madison, Considine, S. Johnson, Baldeh, Shankland, Mursau and Stubbs, cosponsored by Senators Ballweg, Agard, Roys, Hesselbein, Spreitzer, Stroebel, Larson, Wirch and Marklein. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 940.225 (2) (j) and 940.225 (5) (abm) of the statutes; **relating**

to: sexual assault by a health care provider and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, it is a Class C felony for a person who is a licensee, employee, or nonclient resident of an entity that provides various welfare, foster, adoption, and health services, including a hospital, to have sexual contact or sexual intercourse with a client of the entity. Under some but not all circumstances, this prohibition applies to various health care providers and their clients. Under this bill, it is also a Class C felony for a health care provider to have sexual contact or sexual intercourse with a client.

Under current law, with some exceptions, a person is required to register as a sex offender for certain crimes that are sexually motivated. Under the bill, the new offense of sexual contact or sexual intercourse by a health care provider is subject to this provision.

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.

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

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940.225 (2) (j) Is a licensee, employee, or nonclient resident of an entity, as
defined in s. 48.685 (1) (b) or 50.065 (1) (c), and has sexual contact or sexual
intercourse with a client of the entity, or is a health care provider under s. 146.81 (1)
(a) to (hp) and has sexual contact or sexual intercourse with a client.
Section 2. 940.225 (5) (abm) of the statutes is amended to read:
940.225 (5) (abm) "Client" means an individual who receives direct care or
treatment services from a health care provider or an entity.
(END)