



2025 SENATE BILL 132

March 14, 2025 - Introduced by Senators JAMES, BRADLEY and NASS, cosponsored by Representatives WICHGERS, BEHNKE, DONOVAN, GUNDRUM, KREIBICH, MAXEY and MURPHY. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 946.70 (1) (a), (b), (c) and (d); *to create* 946.70 (1) (intro.) of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** classification of the crime of impersonating law
3 enforcement officers, fire fighters, and certain other emergency personnel and
4 providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person may not impersonate a peace officer, a fire fighter, an emergency services medical practitioner, or an emergency medical provider with the intent to mislead others into believing that the person is actually an officer, a fire fighter, or emergency personnel. Current law classifies the crime as a Class A misdemeanor. This bill changes the classification to a Class I felony.

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:

5 **SECTION 1.** 946.70 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is created to read:

