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2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 548

October 18, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER, TURNER, BENEDICT, ZEPNICK, KLEEFISCH, HAHN, TOWNSEND, PETROWSKI, A. OTT, A. WILLIAMS and MUSSER, cosponsored by Senators A. LASEE and COGGS. Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection and Personal Privacy.

AN ACT ***to create*** 947.0125 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** sending an electronic message that appears to be from another person and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes it a Class I felony to send an electronic message and intentionally make it appear that the message is from a particular person without that person's consent. For a Class I felony, a person may be imprisoned not more than three and one–half years, fined not more than $10,000, 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.

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

SECTION 1. 947.0125 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

947.0125 **(4)** Whoever sends a message and intentionally makes it appear that the message is from a particular person without that person's consent is guilty of a Class I felony.

(END)