

State of Misconsin 2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 1195

March 10, 2022 – Introduced by Representative BOWEN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 256.15 (1) (ag) (intro.) and 256.15 (1) (ig) of the statutes; 2 **relating to:** definition of an act of terrorism.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill modifies the statutory definition of "act of terrorism" and the related term "intent to terrorize" to incorporate language from the current federal criminal code definition of domestic terrorism. The bill also provides that intent, for purposes of an "intent to terrorize," must be in service of an ideological goal.

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

- 3 SECTION 1. 256.15 (1) (ag) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 4 256.15 (1) (ag) (intro.) "Act of terrorism" means <u>-a felony under ch. 939 to 951</u>
- 5 <u>an act</u> that is <u>dangerous to human life and a violation of the criminal laws of the</u>
- 6 <u>United States or of any state, is</u> committed with intent to terrorize, and is committed
- 7 under any of the following circumstances:
- 8 **SECTION 2.** 256.15 (1) (ig) of the statutes is amended to read:

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6	(END)
5	to intimidate or coerce a civilian population.
4	governmental unit by homicide <u>mass destruction, assassination,</u> or kidnapping, or
3	punish a governmental unit for a prior policy decision, to affect the conduct of a
2	goal, to influence the policy of a governmental unit by intimidation or coercion, to
1	256.15 (1) (ig) "Intent to terrorize" means intent, in service of an ideological

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