



## 2021 SENATE BILL 257

March 31, 2021 - Introduced by Senators JACQUE, AGARD and BALLWEG, cosponsored by Representatives CALLAHAN, BRANDTJEN, CABRERA, EDMING, GUNDRUM, KUGLITSCH, MOSES, MURSAU, SCHRAA, STUBBS and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 946.69 (title); and *to create* 946.69 (2) (c) of the statutes;  
2             **relating to:** impersonating a public officer, public employee, or employee of a  
3             utility and providing a penalty.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, it is a Class I felony for a person to assume to act in an official capacity of a public office knowing that he or she is not a public officer, employee, or utility employee or to exercise any function of a public office that he or she is not qualified to exercise.

Under the bill, it is a Class I felony for a person to impersonate or represent oneself to be a public officer, employee, or utility employee with the intent to mislead others into believing that he or she is actually a public officer or employee or the employee of a utility.

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.

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

4             **SECTION 1.** 946.69 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

