



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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## 2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 176

March 23, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives MACCO, STEFFEN, ARMSTRONG, BALDEH, JAMES, KITCHENS, ORTIZ-VELEZ, ROZAR, SKOWRONSKI, SUBECK, TAUCHEN, THIESFELDT, TUSLER, ZIMMERMAN and SINICKI, cosponsored by Senators BERNIER, COWLES, JACQUE, ROYS and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 66.0501 (1); and *to create* 66.0501 (1) (b) and  
2           165.85 (4) (a) 1m. of the statutes; **relating to:** appointment of certain lawfully  
3           present aliens as law enforcement officers.

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

Under current law, no person may be appointed as a deputy sheriff of any county or police officer of any city, village, or town unless that person is a citizen of the United States. This bill allows the sheriff of a county or the appointing authority of a local law enforcement agency to elect to authorize the appointment of aliens who are the subject of a notice of decision from the federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) granting deferred action under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and who are in receipt of a valid employment authorization from the DHS as deputy sheriffs or police officers. The bill also prevents the law enforcement standards board from preventing such an alien from participating in a law enforcement preparatory training program.

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

4           **SECTION 1.** 66.0501 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 66.0501 (1) (a) and  
5           amended to read:

