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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 36

February 17, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives KRUG, A. OTT, KREMER, POPE, YOUNG, KULP, THIESFELDT, SINICKI and WACHS, cosponsored by Senators LASSA, WIRCH, BEWLEY and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection.

1 **AN ACT to create** 100.415 of the statutes; **relating to:** the display and sale of
2 novelty lighters and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits the sale of novelty lighters to minors and prohibits the display for retail sale of novelty lighters in an area of a retail establishment that is accessible to the general public. Under the bill, “novelty lighter” means a device containing a combustible fuel intended for use in igniting cigarettes, cigars, or pipes, if any of the following applies: 1) the device is designed to resemble a cartoon character, toy, gun, watch, musical instrument, vehicle, animal, food, or beverage; or 2) the device plays musical notes, has flashing lights, or has other features that are appealing to or intended for use by juveniles. However, the bill provides that “novelty lighter” does not include any of the following: 1) a device manufactured before 1980; 2) a device intended for use in igniting a fire in a fireplace or wood stove or in a charcoal or gas grill; or 3) a standard disposable or refillable lighter that is printed or decorated with logos, labels, decals, artwork, or heat-shrinkable sleeves. A person who violates the prohibitions in the bill is subject to a forfeiture of up to \$100.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

