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.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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.

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.

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:

1   **946.69** (title) ~~Falsely~~ **<u>Impersonating or falsely</u> assuming to act as a**

2   **public officer or employee or a utility employee.**

3   **SECTION 2.** 946.69 (2) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

4   946.69 **(2)** (c) Impersonates or represents himself or herself to be a public officer

5   or public employee or the employee of a utility with the intent to mislead others into

6   believing that he or she is actually a public officer or public employee or the employee

7   of a utility.

8   **(END)**