



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 208

March 25, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives DOBYNS, M. LEHMAN, LADWIG, MUSSER, PORTER, GOETSCH, VANDER LOOP, FREESE, HASENOHRL, TURNER, HAHN, SERATTI, NASS, UNDERHEIM, RYBA, BRANDEMUEHL, F. LASEE, KLUSMAN, HANDRICK, KREIBICH, OTT, WALKER, PLALE, GREEN, KAUFERT, J. LEHMAN, VRAKAS, TRAVIS and GUNDERSON, cosponsored by Senators JAUCH, A. LASEE, HUELSMAN, SCHULTZ, WELCH, RUDE, PLACHE, BRESKE, DRZEWIECKI, WIRCH, BUETTNER and ROSENZWEIG. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend 66.312 (3); and to create 946.66 of the statutes; relating to:**
2 false reports of police misconduct and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law provides penalties for committing various acts that affect the administration of government, including resisting or obstructing an officer, obstructing justice by giving false information to an officer of any court, false swearing and perjury. This bill prohibits a person from knowingly making a false allegation that an officer has engaged in misconduct. A person who violates this prohibition may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 9 months or both.

In addition, current law requires a person in charge of a law enforcement agency to prepare in writing and make available for public scrutiny a specific procedure for processing and resolving complaints about the conduct of law enforcement officers employed by the agency. This bill requires the written procedure to include a conspicuous notice of the prohibition against and penalty for making a false allegation of officer misconduct.

For further information see the *state and local* 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:

