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2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 597

November 29, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives STASKUNAS, ZIEGELBAUER, MUSSER, JESKEWITZ, ALBERS, TURNER, SHERIDAN, BALLWEG, A. OTT, KLEEFISCH, KAUFERT, HAHN, SOLETSKI, PETROWSKI and ZEPNICK, cosponsored by Senators PLALE, LEHMAN, COWLES, ROESSLER, LAZICH, OLSEN and TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice.

1 AN ACT to amend 946.465 of the statutes; relating to: interfering with a signal

transmitted by a global positioning system and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Corrections (DOC) monitors the movements of certain sex offenders via a global positioning system tracking device. It is unlawful for any person to tamper intentionally with a global positioning system tracking device that is used by DOC to monitor the movement of a sex offender. A person who does so is guilty of a Class I felony and is subject to a fine not to exceed \$10,000, imprisonment not to exceed three years and six months, or both.

This bill makes it unlawful for any person to tamper with, or interfere with a signal transmitted by, a global positioning system tracking device that is used by DOC to monitor the movement of a sex offender. Anyone who does so is guilty of a Class I felony.

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 concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

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

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SECTION 1. 946.465 of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act 431, is
 amended to read:

946.465 Tampering with a global positioning system tracking device.
Whoever, without the authorization of the department of corrections, intentionally
tampers with, or blocks, diffuses, or prevents the clear reception of, a signal
transmitted by, a global positioning system tracking device or comparable
technology that is provided under s. 301.48 is guilty of a Class I felony.

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