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2007 SENATE BILL 43

February 15, 2007 – Introduced by Senators Robson, Roessler and Schultz, cosponsored by Representatives Benedict, Sheridan, Gronemus, Musser, Turner, Bies and Sinicki. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Corrections.

1 AN ACT to create 941.20 (1m) (c) of the statutes; relating to: pointing a firearm

at or towards a law enforcement officer and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits a person from intentionally pointing a firearm at or towards a law enforcement officer who is acting in an official capacity. A person who violates this prohibition is guilty of a felony and may be fined up to \$10,000 or sentenced to a term of imprisonment of up to six years (which, if the sentence is for more than one year, includes a term of extended supervision) or both.

This bill prohibits a person from intentionally pointing an object at or towards a law enforcement officer who is acting in an official capacity if the law enforcement officer may reasonably believe that the object is a firearm.

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.

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:

Section 1. 941.20 (1m) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

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941.20 (1m) (c) Whoever intentionally points at or towards a law enforcement
officer any object that the law enforcement officer could reasonably believe, given the
circumstances, is a firearm is guilty of a Class H felony if the law enforcement officer
is acting in an official capacity and the person knows or has reason to know that the
officer is a law enforcement officer.

6 (END)