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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 563

October 19, 2017 – Introduced by Representatives SPIROS, C. TAYLOR, ANDERSON, BERNIER, EDMING, GANNON, GENRICH, HEBL, HINTZ, HORLACHER, KOLSTE, MACCO, MASON, MURPHY, MURSAU, POPE, RIPP, SPREITZER, TITTL and VRUWINK, cosponsored by Senators WANGGAARD, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, HANSEN, NASS and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Science and Technology.

1 AN ACT to amend 165.785 (1) (b) 3., 165.785 (2r) and 175.51 (title); and to create 2 175.51 (3m) of the statutes; relating to: dissemination of threats against law 3 enforcement.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The Department of Justice currently administers an integrated crime alert network and may use the network to provide to state agencies, law enforcement, or the public information regarding criminal activity, crime prevention, missing or endangered persons, and certain hit-and-run incidents. This bill requires DOJ to allow law enforcement agencies to use the network to disseminate threats against law enforcement. The bill also requires a law enforcement agency to use the network to disseminate the threats if an alert could help avert harm or aid in apprehending an individual and if 1) a law enforcement officer has suffered great bodily harm or death; 2) a law enforcement officer is missing; or 3) there is an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to injure or kill a law enforcement officer.

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

SECTION 1. 165.785 (1) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

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| 1 | 165.785 (1) (b) 3. The department shall ensure that a law enforcement agency |
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| 2 | may access the network under par. (a) to disseminate a report under s. 175.51 $\left(2m\right)$ |
| 3 | or (3m) to persons on the list maintained under sub. (2r). |
| 4 | SECTION 2. 165.785 (2r) of the statutes is amended to read: |
| 5 | 165.785 (2r) The department shall maintain a list of persons that can |
| 6 | effectively broadcast or make public reports disseminated under s. 175.51 (2m) \underline{or} |
| 7 | (3m). The department shall ensure that the list includes persons engaged in |
| 8 | broadcasting or outdoor advertising. |
| 9 | SECTION 3. 175.51 (title) of the statutes is amended to read: |
| 10 | 175.51 (title) Reports of missing adults at risk and of, hit-and-run |
| 11 | incidents <u>, and threats against law enforcement</u> . |
| 12 | SECTION 4. 175.51 (3m) of the statutes is created to read: |
| 13 | 175.51 (3m) A law enforcement agency shall disseminate through the |
| 14 | integrated crime alert network a threat against law enforcement if the law |
| 15 | enforcement agency determines that an alert could help avert harm or aid in |
| 16 | apprehending a person, and that any of the following conditions is met: |
| 17 | (a) A law enforcement officer has suffered great bodily harm or death in the line |
| 18 | of duty. |
| 19 | (b) A law enforcement officer is missing and his or her missing status is in |
| 20 | connection with his or her duties. |
| 21 | (c) There is an imminent and credible threat that a person intends to cause |
| 22 | great bodily harm to or the death of a law enforcement officer. |
| 23 | (END) |
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