

## State of Misconsin 2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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## 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 418

September 5, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives Subeck, Sargent, C. Taylor, Anderson, Billings, Crowley, Emerson, Kolste and Sinicki, cosponsored by Senators L. Taylor, Risser, Johnson and Larson. Referred to Committee on Small Business Development.

- 1 AN ACT to renumber and amend 175.37 (1); to amend 175.37 (title) and 175.37
- 2 (2); and *to create* 175.37 (1) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** containers or
- 3 trigger locks provided at a firearm sale and providing a penalty.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires a person who commercially sells or transfers a firearm to provide the purchaser or transferee with either a secure, lockable container that is designed to store a firearm or a trigger lock for the firearm. A seller or transferor who violates this requirement is subject to a fine of up to \$500 or imprisonment for up to 30 days, or both.

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.** 175.37 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 5 175.37 (title) Warning Requirements whenever transferring a firearm.
- 6 **Section 2.** 175.37 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 175.37 (1) (intro.) and
- 7 amended to read:

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175.37 (1) (intro.) Upon the retail commercial sale or retail commercial transfer
of any firearm, the seller or transferor shall provide to the buyer or transferee all of
the following:
(a) A written warning in block letters not less than one-fourth inch in height:
"IF YOU LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM WITHIN THE REACH OR EASY ACCESS
OF A CHILD YOU MAY BE FINED OR IMPRISONED OR BOTH IF THE CHILD
IMPROPERLY DISCHARGES, POSSESSES OR EXHIBITS THE FIREARM."
<b>Section 3.</b> 175.37 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:
175.37 (1) (b) A secure, lockable container that is designed to store a firearm
or a trigger lock for the firearm.
<b>Section 4.</b> 175.37 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
175.37 (2) Any person who violates sub. (1) (a) or (b) may be fined not more than
\$500 or imprisoned for not more than 30 days or both.

(END)