

State of Wisconsin



2019 Assembly Bill 454

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2019 WISCONSIN ACT 132

AN ACT *to create* 947.014 of the statutes; **relating to:** swatting and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. 947.014 of the statutes is created to read:
947.014 Swatting. (1) In this section:

(a) "Authorized emergency vehicle" has the meaning given in s. 340.01 (3).

(b) "Emergency" means any of the following:

1. A condition that results in or could result in the response of a law enforcement officer, tribal law enforcement officer, state-certified commission warden, fire fighter, emergency medical responder, or emergency medical services practitioner in an authorized emergency vehicle, aircraft, or vessel.

2. A condition that jeopardizes or could jeopardize public safety and results in or could result in the evacuation of any area, building, structure, or vehicle.

(c) "Emergency medical responder" has the meaning given in s. 256.01 (4p).

(d) "Emergency medical services practitioner" has the meaning given in s. 256.01 (5).

(e) "Fire fighter" has the meaning given in s. 102.475 (8) (b).

(f) "Law enforcement agency" has the meaning given in s. 165.77 (1) (b).

(g) "Law enforcement officer" has the meaning given in s. 165.85 (2) (c).

(h) "Specialized tactical team" means a special weapons and tactics team or a tactical response team that is designated by a law enforcement agency and whose members are recruited, selected, trained, equipped, and assigned to resolve critical incidents that involve a threat to public safety.

(i) "Tribal law enforcement officer" has the meaning given in s. 165.92 (1) (b).

(2) Whoever, knowing the information is false, intentionally conveys, or causes to be conveyed, any false information that an emergency exists is guilty of a Class I felony if the information elicits, or could elicit, a response from a specialized tactical team.

(3) Whoever violates sub. (2) is guilty of a Class H felony if the violation resulted in bodily harm to any person or a Class E felony if the violation resulted in great bodily harm to any person.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."