



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1930/1
CMH:klm

2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 136

March 13, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives WICHGERS, BEHNKE, DONOVAN, GUNDRUM, KREIBICH, MAXEY and MURPHY, cosponsored by Senators JAMES, BRADLEY and NASS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 946.70 (1) (a), (b), (c) and (d); *to create* 946.70 (1) (intro.) of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** classification of the crime of impersonating law
3 enforcement officers, fire fighters, and certain other emergency personnel and
4 providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person may not impersonate a peace officer, a fire fighter, an emergency services medical practitioner, or an emergency medical provider with the intent to mislead others into believing that the person is actually an officer, a fire fighter, or emergency personnel. Current law classifies the crime as a Class A misdemeanor. This bill changes the classification to 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.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 946.70 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is created to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 136

SECTION 1

946.70 (1) (intro.) Except as provided in sub. (2), whoever does any of the following is guilty of a Class I felony:

SECTION 2. 946.70 (1) (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the statutes are amended to read:

946.70 (1) (a) ~~Except as provided in sub. (2), whoever impersonates~~
Impersonates a peace officer with intent to mislead others into believing that the
 person is actually a peace officer ~~is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.~~

(b) ~~Except as provided in sub. (2), whoever impersonates~~ Impersonates a fire fighter with intent to mislead others into believing that the person is actually a fire fighter ~~is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.~~

(c) ~~Except as provided in sub. (2), whoever impersonates~~ Impersonates an emergency medical services practitioner, as defined in s. 256.01 (5), with intent to mislead others into believing that the person is actually an emergency medical services practitioner ~~is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.~~

(d) ~~Except as provided in sub. (2), whoever impersonates~~ Impersonates an emergency medical responder, as defined in s. 256.01 (4p), with intent to mislead others into believing that the person is actually an emergency medical responder is ~~guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.~~

(END)