

State of Misconsin 2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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## **2025 SENATE BILL 132**

March 14, 2025 - Introduced by Senators JAMES, BRADLEY and NASS, cosponsored by Representatives WICHGERS, BEHNKE, DONOVAN, GUNDRUM, KREIBICH, MAXEY and MURPHY. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 AN ACT to amend 946.70 (1) (a), (b), (c) and (d); to create 946.70 (1) (intro.) of

the statutes; relating to: classification of the crime of impersonating law
enforcement officers, fire fighters, and certain other emergency personnel and
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:

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

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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.

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