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2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 717

November 27, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives HONG, CONLEY, SINICKI, EMERSON, BARE, JOERS, RATCLIFF, CONSIDINE, PALMERI, JACOBSON, SUBECK, J. ANDERSON, SNODGRASS, ANDRACA, C. ANDERSON, OHNSTAD, CLANCY, MADISON, SHELTON and HAYWOOD, cosponsored by Senators HESSELBEIN, L. JOHNSON, LARSON, SPREITZER, SMITH, ROYS, CARPENTER and TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **AN ACT to amend** 941.29 (1g) (a), 941.291 (1) (b) and 973.123 (1); and **to create**
2 941.285 of the statutes; **relating to:** prohibiting firearm accessories that
3 accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits the sale, manufacture, transfer, use, and possession of any device that is added after manufacture that is designed or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm. A person who violates the prohibition is guilty of a Class G 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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 941.285 of the statutes is created to read:
5 **941.285 Possession of firearm accessories that accelerate the rate of**
6 **fire.** (1) No person may import, sell or offer to sell, purchase, manufacture, transfer,
7 use, or possess a trigger crank, a bump-fire device, or any part, combination of parts,

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1 component, device, attachment, or accessory that is added after manufacture that is
2 designed or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm.

3 (2) Any person violating sub. (1) is guilty of a Class G felony.

4 (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to importation, sale, purchase, manufacture,
5 transfer, use, or possession by or under the authority of the federal government or
6 a state or local government.

7 **SECTION 2.** 941.29 (1g) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 941.29 (1g) (a) "Violent felony" means any felony under s. 943.23 (1m), 1999
9 stats., or s. 943.23 (1r), 1999 stats., this section, or s. 940.01, 940.02, 940.03, 940.05,
10 940.06, 940.08, 940.09, 940.10, 940.19, 940.195, 940.198, 940.20, 940.201, 940.203,
11 940.204, 940.21, 940.225, 940.23, 940.235, 940.285 (2), 940.29, 940.295 (3), 940.30,
12 940.302, 940.305, 940.31, 940.43 (1) to (3), 940.45 (1) to (3), 941.20, 941.26, 941.28,
13 941.285, 941.2905, 941.292, 941.30, 941.327 (2) (b) 3. or 4., 943.02, 943.04, 943.06,
14 943.10 (2), 943.23 (1g), 943.32, 943.87, 946.43, 948.02 (1) or (2), 948.025, 948.03,
15 948.04, 948.05, 948.051, 948.06, 948.07, 948.08, 948.085, or 948.30.

16 **SECTION 3.** 941.291 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 941.291 (1) (b) "Violent felony" means any felony, or the solicitation, conspiracy,
18 or attempt to commit any felony, under s. 943.23 (1m) or (1r), 1999 stats., or s. 940.01,
19 940.02, 940.03, 940.05, 940.06, 940.08, 940.09, 940.10, 940.19, 940.195, 940.198,
20 940.20, 940.201, 940.203, 940.204, 940.21, 940.225, 940.23, 940.285 (2), 940.29,
21 940.295 (3), 940.30, 940.305, 940.31, 940.43 (1) to (3), 940.45 (1) to (3), 941.20, 941.26,
22 941.28, 941.285, 941.29, 941.30, 941.327, 943.01 (2) (c), 943.011, 943.013, 943.02,
23 943.04, 943.06, 943.10 (2), 943.23 (1g), 943.32, 943.81, 943.82, 943.83, 943.85,
24 943.86, 943.87, 943.88, 943.89, 943.90, 946.43, 947.015, 948.02 (1) or (2), 948.025,
25 948.03, 948.04, 948.05, 948.06, 948.07, 948.08, 948.085, or 948.30; or, if the victim is

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1 a financial institution, as defined in s. 943.80 (2), a felony, or the solicitation,
2 conspiracy, or attempt to commit a felony under s. 943.84 (1) or (2).

3 **SECTION 4.** 973.123 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 973.123 (1) In this section, “violent felony” means any felony under s. 943.23
5 (1m), 1999 stats., or s. 943.23 (1r), 1999 stats., or s. 940.01, 940.02, 940.03, 940.05,
6 940.06, 940.08, 940.09, 940.10, 940.19, 940.195, 940.198, 940.20, 940.201, 940.203,
7 940.204, 940.21, 940.225, 940.23, 940.235, 940.285 (2), 940.29, 940.295 (3), 940.30,
8 940.302, 940.305, 940.31, 940.43 (1) to (3), 940.45 (1) to (3), 941.20, 941.26, 941.28,
9 941.285, 941.29, 941.292, 941.30, 941.327 (2) (b) 3. or 4., 943.02, 943.04, 943.06,
10 943.10 (2), 943.23 (1g), 943.32, 943.87, 946.43, 948.02 (1) or (2), 948.025, 948.03,
11 948.04, 948.05, 948.051, 948.06, 948.07, 948.08, 948.085, or 948.30.

12 **SECTION 5. Nonstatutory provisions.**

13 (1) Notwithstanding s. 941.285, no person may be subject to a penalty for
14 violating s. 941.285 (1) with regard to the possession of any device prohibited under
15 that section for the first 180 days after the effective date of this subsection.

16 (END)