



State of Wisconsin
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2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 638

December 2, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives CROWLEY, SORTWELL, BOWEN, ANDERSON, SINICKI, ZAMARRIPA and VINING, cosponsored by Senators JOHNSON, L. TAYLOR and LARSON. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 946.49 (1) (a) and (b); *to renumber and amend* 946.49 (1)
2 (intro.); *to amend* 946.49 (2); and *to create* 946.49 (3) of the statutes; **relating**
3 **to:** bail jumping and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, bail jumping means failure to comply with the terms of a bond after being released from custody in a pending criminal matter. Bail jumping for a defendant who has been released on bond after being charged with a crime is a Class A misdemeanor if the offense with which the defendant is charged is a misdemeanor and a Class H felony if the offense with which the defendant is charged is a felony, and bail jumping for a witness for whom bail has been required is a Class I felony. Under this bill, bail jumping means failure to appear as required or failure to comply with a term of a bond that prohibits contact with another individual or prohibits his or her presence in a specified location. Under the bill, any form of bail jumping is a Class B misdemeanor, regardless of the underlying offense or whether the person for whom bail is required is a defendant or a witness. In addition, under this bill, a person may only be charged with bail jumping once per underlying charge for which he or she has been released on bail.

