



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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2025 SENATE BILL 946

February 6, 2026 - Introduced by Senators LARSON, HESSELBEIN, RATCLIFF and ROYS, cosponsored by Representatives SUBECK, ANDRACA, EMERSON, SINICKI, DESMIDT, FITZGERALD, GOODWIN, JOERS, KIRSCH, NEUBAUER, PRADO, SNODGRASS, SPAUDE, STUBBS and UDELL. Referred to Committee on Licensing, Regulatory Reform, State and Federal Affairs.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **AN ACT** **to renumber and amend** 175.37 (1); **to amend** 175.37 (title) and
2 175.37 (2); **to create** 175.37 (1) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** containers or
3 trigger locks provided at a firearm sale and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires a person who commercially sells or transfers a firearm to provide the purchaser or transferee with either a secure, lockable container that is designed to store a firearm or a trigger lock for the firearm. A seller or transferor who violates this requirement is subject to a fine of up to \$500 or imprisonment for up to 30 days, or both.

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.** 175.37 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 **175.37 (title) Warning Requirements whenever transferring a firearm.**

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SECTION 2

SECTION 2. 175.37 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 175.37 (1) (intro.) and amended to read:

175.37 (1) (intro.) Upon the retail commercial sale or retail commercial transfer of any firearm, the seller or transferor shall provide to the buyer or transferee all of the following:

(a) A written warning in block letters not less than one-fourth inch in height:
"IF YOU LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM WITHIN THE REACH OR EASY
ACCESS OF A CHILD YOU MAY BE FINED OR IMPRISONED OR BOTH IF
THE CHILD IMPROPERLY DISCHARGES, POSSESSES OR EXHIBITS THE
FIREARM."

SECTION 3. 175.37 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

175.37 (1) (b) A secure, lockable container that is designed to store a firearm or a trigger lock for the firearm.

SECTION 4. 175.37 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

175.37 (2) Any person who violates sub. (1) (a) or (b) may be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned for not more than 30 days or both.

(END)