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Bill to End Upskirting Heads to Governor's Desk

MADISON - A loophole in state law is leaving the privacy of many people vulnerable to technology.

Thankfully, a bill which closes the "upskirting loophole" is headed to Governor Walker's desk for final approval. State Senator Alberta Darling says her bill will bring justice for future victims of this crime.

"State law isn't keeping up with technology," Darling said, "Representative Ott and I drafted this legislation because one of our constituent's privacy was violated. Unfortunately, the law wasn't clear and the culprit got away with it."

Upskirting is the practice of photographing under a person's clothes. Often victims don't notice upskirting when it happens because the criminals use small cameras and take the pictures in public areas.

Courts say state law isn't clear if the photographed person isn't nude. Assembly Bill 8 makes it illegal to photograph under their clothing without their consent. Darling says she knows her constituent isn't alone.

"There may be thousands of victims of this crime in our state," Darling said, "This change will make sure these criminals can be prosecuted for their crimes."

Senator Darling represents portions of Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha Counties.

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