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Rep. Spiros Introduces Anti-Riot Bill Package

Madison – Today, State Representative John Spiros (R-Marshfield) introduced a package of three bills that would seek to define the actions of a riot and provide a criminal penalty as well as provide a penalty for blocking traffic and/or carrying a firearm while rioting.

“I have been deeply affected by the news reports all around the country and in our own state of individuals who are seriously damaging property, creating general chaos, and threatening the safety of innocent bystanders with danger and in some cases, life threatening injuries. Senator Wanggaard and I are introducing these bills to ensure our public remains safe from these sorts of actions, while protecting the right to peaceful assembly,” shared Rep. Spiros.

These anti-riot bills accomplish the following three goals: define a riot, prohibit carrying a firearm while rioting, and prohibit blocking traffic while rioting. Under these new laws, any individual who chose to participate in a riot, carry a firearm during a riot, or block traffic during a riot would be subject to criminal penalties.

“These bills were intentionally crafted to protect both 1st and 2nd Amendment US Constitutional Rights, while providing law enforcement the proper tools to keep public safety and order. I believe it is important to protect our citizens and ensure civil liberties while punishing those who seek to cause harm and destruction,” said Rep. Spiros.

For a video of Rep. Spiros discussing these bills, you can visit his [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/repspiros/videos/861992003942063/).
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