



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 513

September 11, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives BIES, AINSWORTH, GRONEMUS, GUNDERSON, KESTELL, KREIBICH, F. LASEE, SERATTI and SUDER, cosponsored by Senator A. LASEE. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to create** 86.045 of the statutes; **relating to:** roadside memorials for
2 traffic accident victims along highways under the jurisdiction of the
3 Department of Transportation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Transportation (DOT) is responsible for maintenance of highway rights-of-way on highways under its jurisdiction (state trunk highways), including operations and activities necessary to protect the safety of users of the highways. Also under current law, DOT may remove or require removal of encroaching structures and objects and unauthorized signs within a highway right-of-way.

This bill prohibits DOT from removing or altering, within one year after a fatal traffic accident, a memorial to an accident victim that is placed within a state trunk highway right-of-way near the location of the accident at the farthest edge of the right-of-way and that is a white cross or post of no greater than specified dimensions.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

