



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 739

February 7, 2014 – Introduced by Representatives VRUWINK, BERCEAU and WACHS, cosponsored by Senators OLSEN and LASSA. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 346.09 (3) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** overtaking and
2 passing vehicles.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a vehicle operator may not drive on the left side of the center of a roadway designated, by signs or a solid yellow line, as a no-passing zone. However, under an exception, a vehicle operator may cross to the left of the center of the roadway in such a no-passing zone to overtake and pass, with care, any vehicle traveling at a speed less than half of the applicable speed limit.

Under this bill, this exception does not apply with respect to overtaking and passing an implement of husbandry. An “implement of husbandry” generally means a vehicle or piece of equipment or machinery designed for agricultural purposes, used exclusively in the conduct of agricultural operations, and used principally off the highway.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 346.09 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 346.09 (3) (b) The operator of a vehicle may drive on the left side of the center
5 of a roadway on any portion thereof which has been designated a no-passing zone,

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SECTION 1

1 as described in par. (a), to overtake and pass, with care, any vehicle, except an
2 implement of husbandry, traveling at a speed less than half of the applicable speed
3 limit at the place of passing.

4 **SECTION 2. Effective date.**

5 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after
6 publication.

7 (END)