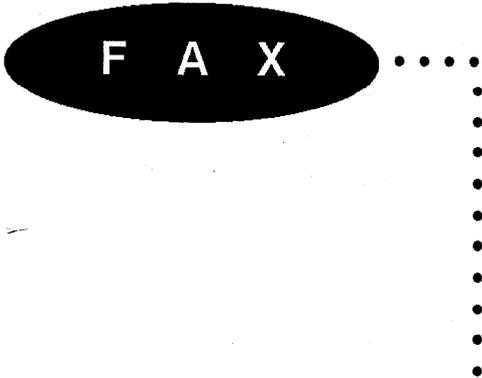


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Proposal: Fine slow pokes who back up traffic in the left-hand passing lanes of major highways.

Penalty: \$30 to \$300.

Author: Rep. John La Fave, D-Brown Deer.

Status: Public hearing held. No vote scheduled.

Proposal: Fine motorists for tailgating within 200 feet of another vehicle.

Penalty: \$30 to \$300

Author: Rep. John Gard, R-Peshtigo

Status: Public hearing held. No vote scheduled.

Proposal: Fine motorists for tailgating within 200 feet of snowplows clearing snow or ice. Motorists would still be allowed to pass. Applies only to roads with speed limits higher than 35 mph.

Penalty: \$20 to \$40

Author: Rep. John Ainsworth, R-Shawano

Status: Highway Safety Committee endorsed with 6-1 vote. Assembly approved on 70-24 vote. Sent to the Senate.

Proposal: Require traffic safety school and suspend the licenses of motorists who commit three or more specific traffic offenses at a time. Violations that apply include reckless driving, running red lights or stop signs, following too close, passing in an unsafe manner, speeding and failing to signal a lane change.

Author: Rep. John Ainsworth, R-Shawano

Status: Public hearing held. No vote scheduled.

Proposal: Allow drivers to flash their high-beam headlights at oncoming vehicles that don't dim their bright lights.

Author: Rep. Marlin Schneider, D-Wisconsin Rapids

Status: Highway Safety Committee voted 7-0 in favor. Assembly approved. Sent to the Senate.

Proposal: Increase fines for repeat drunken drivers based on their level of intoxication.

Penalty: Double fines if driver's blood alcohol level is more than 0.15 percent; triple if more than 0.2 percent; quadruple if more than 0.25 percent. The legal limit in Wisconsin for drunken driving is 0.1 percent.

Author: Rep. Jeff Stone, R-Greenfield

Status: Highway Safety Committee recommended 6-1; Assembly approved 96-3. Senate committee is considering.

Proposal: Let police pull drivers over solely for not wearing seat belts. Current law allows police to stop and ticket drivers for not wearing seat belts only if the traffic stop is for another reason.

Penalty: \$25

Author: Rep. Jeff Stone, R-Greenfield

Status: Introduced to Highway Safety Committee.

Proposal: Create a "graduated license" system. Require beginning drivers with learner's permits to practice with their parents for 30 hours before getting probationary drivers licenses. For the next nine months, forbid teen-age drivers from operating between midnight and 5 a.m. and limit their passengers to family members and one unrelated young person.

Author: Rep. Luther Olsen, R-Berlin

Status: Assembly approved. Legislative leaders stuck the proposal into the state budget. Needs governor's signature to become law.