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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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**2009 Wisconsin Act 129**  
[2009 Assembly Bill 348]

**Agreements to Enforce Traffic  
Regulations on Certain Private  
Roads**

### CURRENT LAW

Under current law, with certain exceptions, rules of the road apply exclusively upon highways.

Current law defines “highway” to mean all public ways and thoroughfares and bridges on the same. “Highways” includes roads or driveways in publicly owned parks and in state forests that are open to the public for vehicular travel and roads or driveways that are on the grounds of public schools and institutions under the jurisdiction of the county. A private road or driveway is not included within the definition of a highway.

### 2009 WISCONSIN ACT 129

2009 Wisconsin Act 129 provides that:

- The owner of a private road or driveway within a manufactured and mobile home community *may (permissive)* enter into an agreement with a city, village, town, or county to treat the private road or driveway as a highway for the purposes of traffic regulation enforcement.
- The agreement *may limit* the traffic regulations to be enforced on the private road or driveway under the agreement.

**Effective date:** 2009 Wisconsin Act 129 took effect on March 4, 2010.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.