

## 2013 DRAFTING REQUEST

### Bill

Received: **9/28/2012** Received By: **emueller**  
Wanted: **As time permits** Same as LRB: **-2734**  
For: **Jerry Petrowski (608) 266-2502** By/Representing: **Anna Richter**  
May Contact: Drafter: **emueller**  
Subject: **Transportation - motor vehicles** Addl. Drafters:  
**Transportation - traffic laws** Extra Copies: **ARG**

Submit via email: **YES**  
Requester's email: **Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov**  
Carbon copy (CC) to:

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### Topic:

Permit white flashing light on police vehicle (NB 1315-13).

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### Instructions:

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET/NON-BUDGET PROPOSAL  
2013-2015 BIENNIUM**

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

DT1586 6/2012

**Instructions:** Complete this form for any budget/non-budget legislative initiative for which a Division requests the Secretary's Office (SO) approval. Check the budget box only if the proposal has a fiscal impact on department expenditures or revenue. This form must be signed by the Division Administrator(s).

Include this form with your budget submittal materials or return one completed copy to the Office of Policy, Budget & Finance (OPBF), Attention: Paul Hammer. The form is available at: <http://dotnet/forms/authorized.htm>.

Short Title of Topic

Permit white flashing lights on police vehicles

Type of Proposal <input type="checkbox"/> Budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Budget	OGC OFFICE USE ONLY "T" Number Assigned	"B" Number Assigned	"NB" Number Assigned 1315-13
Date Submitted 07/10/2012	Division(s) State Patrol		
OPBF Contact Person John Swisler	(Area Code) Telephone Number (608)266-0349		
Lead Division Contact Person Paul Wolfe	(Area Code) Telephone Number (608) 267-4590		
OGC Contact Person Paul Nilsen	(Area Code) Telephone Number (608) 261-0126		

Define Problem Precisely

White flashing lights are not currently allowed on police vehicles. Current language allows for flashing or pulsating headlamps on police vehicles, but technological changes do not allow for flashing or pulsating headlamps on some types of police vehicles.

Description of Proposed Change

Expand the provision in s.347.25(1r)(a)1 to allow police vehicles to be equipped with flashing white lights visible to the front.

Justification for Change

This change would allow police vehicles to make use of the flashing white lights to more readily get the attention of motorists and provide the same or similar safety features as is currently allowed with the pulsating headlamps.

Describe any legislative history and related statutory language

s. 347.25(1r)(a)1

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## Mueller, Eric

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**From:** Richter, Anna - DOT <Anna.Richter@dot.wi.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 10:37 AM  
**To:** Mueller, Eric  
**Subject:** RE: Non-budget proposal 1315-13

Hi Eric,

No, simple language similar to what is found in s. 347.25(1m) should be all that is required. .... *The lights shall be so designed and mounted as to be plainly visible and understandable from a distance of 500 feet during normal sunlight and during hours of darkness.*

With the technology available today flash rates can be programmed to fluctuate randomly or in a varied pattern which increases their effectiveness so State Patrol does not see a need to put on restrictions.

We think it would be a good idea to authorize (but not require) the white lights to be mounted front, back and sides as desired because the flashing white light really cuts through fog, rain and snow without washing out the red and blues. The EMS and Fire language simply states may be equipped with one or more flashing white lights.

Thanks for checking,  
Anna

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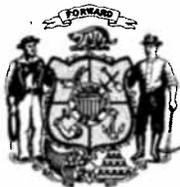
**From:** Mueller, Eric [<mailto:Eric.Mueller@legis.wisconsin.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 4:06 PM  
**To:** Richter, Anna - DOT  
**Subject:** Non-budget proposal 1315-13

Anna,

In the proposal to allow police vehicles to be equipped with white flashing lights, do you want to require the white flashing lights to meet the 70-90 flashes per minute standard in current s. 347.25 (1r) (a) 1.?

Thanks,

Eric Mueller  
Attorney, Legislative Reference Bureau  
Phone: (608)261-7032  
[eric.mueller@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:eric.mueller@legis.wisconsin.gov)



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State of Wisconsin  
2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



LRB-0182/P1

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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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1 **AN ACT** ...; **relating to:** warning lights on police vehicles.

*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law generally prohibits any vehicle from being equipped with a flashing or rotating light. Exceptions to this prohibition include authorized\* emergency vehicles, such as police vehicles, fire department vehicles, ambulances, conservation warden vehicles, designated emergency vehicles of municipal or county departments, and designated emergency vehicles of state departments. Most emergency vehicles may be equipped with red lights or red and white lights, but police vehicles may be equipped with red and blue lights. Under this bill, a police vehicle may also be equipped with a flashing white light.

are exempted from this prohibition

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 347.25 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

3 347.25 (1) Except as provided in subs. (1m) (a), (1n), (1r), and (1s), an  
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5 oscillating, or rotating red lights, except that ambulances, fire department  
6 equipment, privately owned motor vehicles under s. 340.01 (3) (d), (dg), or (dm) being

1 used by personnel of a full-time or part-time fire department, by members of a  
 2 volunteer fire department or rescue squad, or by an organ procurement organization  
 3 or any person under an agreement with an organ procurement organization, and  
 4 privately owned motor vehicles under s. 340.01 (3) (dh) being used to transport or  
 5 pick up medical devices or equipment, may be equipped with red or red and white  
 6 lights, and shall be so equipped when the operator thereof is exercising the privileges  
 7 granted by s. 346.03. The lights shall be so designed and mounted as to be plainly  
 8 visible and understandable from a distance of 500 feet both during normal sunlight  
 9 and during hours of darkness. No operator of an authorized emergency vehicle may  
 10 use the warning lights except when responding to an emergency call or when in  
 11 pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, when responding to but not upon  
 12 returning from a fire alarm, when transporting an organ for human transplantation,  
 13 when transporting medical personnel for the purpose of performing human organ  
 14 harvesting or transplantation immediately after the transportation, or when  
 15 necessarily parked in a position which is likely to be hazardous to traffic.

History: 1977 c. 29 s. 1654 (7) (c); 1977 c. 228; 1979 c. 54, 149; 1983 a. 56; 1985 a. 143; 1987 a. 126; 1989 a. 69; 1991 a. 73, 142; 1993 a. 369; 1995 a. 31, 190; 1997 a. 31, 117; 2007 a. 20, 177; 2009 a. 46.

16 **SECTION 2.** 347.25 (1n) of the statutes is created to read:

17 347.25 (1n) A police vehicle under s. 340.01 (3) (a) may be equipped with a  
 18 flashing white light. The light shall be designed and displayed as to be plainly visible <sup>SO</sup>  
 19 and understandable from a distance of 500 feet both during normal sunlight and  
 20 during hours of darkness.

21 (END)

*DNote*

**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
**FROM THE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

LRB-0182/P1dn

EVM:.....

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date

ATTN: Anna Richter

Please review the attached draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent. The following are several issues you may wish to consider in your review of this draft.

1. Rather than add the white flashing light authorization to s. 347.25<sup>v</sup>(1r)(a), stats., as suggested by the drafting proposal, I created a new subsection, s. 347.25 (1n). Is there a reason you wanted this provision to be a part of s. 347.25 (1r)(a), stats.? For example, do you intend to allow a police vehicle to be equipped with only either the pulsing headlamps or a flashing white light? *but not both*
2. Do you wish to require a notice before an authority equips its vehicles with a flashing white light? See, e.g., s. 347.25 (1r)(a) 2., stats.
3. Do you wish to impose any limitations on the use of the flashing white lights?
4. Another option for drafting this change would be to rework s. 347.25<sup>v</sup>(1m), stats., to accommodate the new provision. Please let me know if you want to take on a more extensive revision of the warning light provisions in this draft.

Please let me know if you would like any changes made to the attached draft or if you have any questions. If the attached draft meets with your approval, let me know and I will convert it to an introducible "/1" draft.

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**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
**FROM THE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

LRB-0182/P1dn  
EVM:eev:ph

November 21, 2012

ATTN: Anna Richter

Please review the attached draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent. The following are several issues you may wish to consider in your review of this draft.

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**From:** Richter, Anna - DOT <Anna.Richter@dot.wi.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 06, 2012 9:56 AM  
**To:** Mueller, Eric  
**Subject:** FW: Draft review: LRB -0182/P1 Topic: Permit white flashing light on police vehicle (NB 1315-13).  
**Attachments:** 13-0182/P1.pdf; DraftersNote1.pdf

Hi Eric,

We have some changes on this one too (in answer to your drafter's note):

1. Adding a new subsection is fine. We do want to allow for a vehicle to be equipped with both pulsing headlamps and flashing white lights.
2. We do not want to require notice.
3. For consistency, we should restrict their use in the same manner as the pulsating headlights in (1r)(a)1 (i.e. only in conjunction with the other authorized light systems).
4. The current drafting approach is fine.

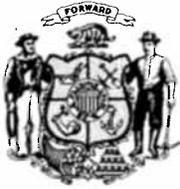
NOTE: We do need the draft to be amended to permit the equipment of multiple flashing white lights, rather than a single white light.

Thanks!  
Anna

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**From:** LRB.Legal [<mailto:LRB-LegalServices@legis.wisconsin.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 21, 2012 11:27 AM  
**To:** Richter, Anna - DOT  
**Subject:** Draft review: LRB -0182/P1 Topic: Permit white flashing light on police vehicle (NB 1315-13).

**Following is the PDF version of draft LRB -0182/P1 and drafter's note.**



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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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RMR

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1 AN ACT *to amend* 347.25 (1); and *to create* 347.25 (1n) of the statutes; relating  
2 to: warning lights on police vehicles.

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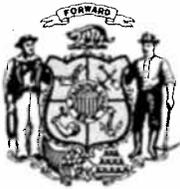
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(END)

The lights may be used only when the warning lamps authorized under sub. (1) or (1n) are in use.

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23 (END)

**Rose, Stefanie**

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**From:** PUNCHES, Derek  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2013 4:44 PM  
**To:** LRB.Legal  
**Subject:** Draft Review: LRB -0182/1 Topic: Permit white flashing light on police vehicle (NB 1315-13).

Please Jacket LRB -0182/1 for the SENATE.