



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Assembly Bill 170

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 170

Current law prohibits placing advertising signs within a highway right-of-way, subject to certain exceptions. The bill creates another exception in ch. 86, Stats., for any sign placed on a bus shelter located on a state trunk highway, provided the sign does not impair the highway or impede vehicular traffic on the highway and any applicable federal regulations are followed. The bill defines a “bus shelter” as a shelter or bench located at a transit stop for use by passengers of public transportation systems owned or operated by governmental units or public authorities and that was placed in accordance with s. 86.07 (2), Stats., applicable rules promulgated by the Department of Transportation (DOT), and any applicable federal regulations.

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The substitute amendment places the exception in ch. 84, Stats., instead of ch. 86, Stats., by creating a new subsection under s. 84.01, Stats., which generally sets forth DOT’s powers and duties. Specifically, the substitute amendment provides that, notwithstanding ss. 86.19 (1) and 86.191 (1), Stats., DOT must allow any sign to be placed on a bus shelter on a state trunk highway, provided the sign does not impair the highway or impede vehicular traffic on the highway and any applicable federal regulations are followed. The substitute amendment defines “bus shelter” as defined under the bill.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Hutton offered Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 170 on April 20, 2017. On April 25, 2017, the Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended adoption of the substitute amendment by a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0.

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