



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2019 Assembly Bill 273

Assembly Amendment 1

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2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 273

2019 Assembly Bill 273 addresses the selection of subbase¹ material by a contractor when submitting a competitive bid for a highway improvement project.² Specifically, the bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to include in its facilities development manual a list of at least seven alternate subbase materials, and their thicknesses, that provide equivalent structural properties. The bill then requires DOT to allow a contractor to select any of those alternates in its bid.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that a DOT engineer may disallow the use of a listed subbase material for a particular highway improvement project if the engineer determines that the material would be detrimental to the project on the basis of site-specific reasons. The engineer is required to provide that determination in writing.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Sanfelippo introduced Assembly Amendment 1 on June 20, 2019. On that same day, the Assembly adopted the amendment on a voice vote, and passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 61; Noes 35.

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¹ A subbase, such as sand or gravel, supports the pavement of a highway.

² A "highway improvement" generally means construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and processes incidental to building, fabricating, or bettering a highway, but not routine maintenance and work related to signage, lighting, and pavement markings. [s. 84.06 (1), Stats.]