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**CHAPTER 270**

AN ACT to amend 84.25 (1) ; and to create 84.25 (13) of the statutes, relating to controlled-access highways.

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

SECTION 1. 84.25 (1) of the statutes is amended to read :

84.25 (1) The legislature declares that the effective control of traffic entering upon or leaving intensively traveled highways is necessary in the interest of public safety, convenience and the general welfare. The commission is authorized to designate as controlled-access highways the rural portions of the state trunk system on which, after traffic engineering surveys, investigations and studies, it shall find, determine and declare that the average traffic potential is in excess of 2,000 vehicles per 24-hour day. Such designation of a portion of any state trunk highway in any county as a controlled-access highway shall not be effected until after a public hearing in the matter shall have been held in the county courthouse or other convenient public place within the county following notice by publication once each week for 3 successive weeks in a newspaper published in the county, or if there be none, in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. If the commission shall then find that the average traffic potential is as provided by this subsection, and that the designation of the highway as a controlled-access highway is necessary in the interest of public safety, convenience and the general welfare, it shall make its finding, determination and declaration to that effect, specifying the character of the controls to be exercised. Copies of the finding, determination and declaration shall be recorded with the register of deeds, and filed with the county clerk, and published in the newspaper in which the notice of hearing was published, and the order shall be effective on such publication. Not more than \* \* \* 1,500 miles of highway shall be designated as controlled-access highways under authority of this section.

SECTION 2. 84.25 (13) of the statutes is created to read :

84.25 (13) VACATING. A controlled-access highway shall remain such until vacated by order of the state highway commission except that the discontinuance of all state trunk highway routings over a highway established as a controlled-access highway shall summarily vacate the controlled-access status of such section of highway. The state highway commission shall record formal notice of any vacation of a controlled-access highway with the register of deeds of the county wherein such highway lies.

Approved June 17, 1955.