

**1973 Assembly Bill 574**

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## **CHAPTER 185, Laws of 1973**

**AN ACT to repeal 340.01 (39); to amend 340.01 (69); to repeal and recreate 340.01 (38); and to create 84.02 (4) (e) and 349.065 of the statutes, relating to creation of a uniform system of traffic control devices on streets and highways in the state.**

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

**SECTION 1.** 84.02 (4) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

84.02 (4) (e) The highway commission shall adopt a manual establishing a uniform system of traffic control devices for use upon the highways of this state. The system shall be consistent with and, so far as practicable, conform to current nationally recognized standards for traffic control devices.

**SECTION 2.** 340.01 (38) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

340.01 (38) "Official traffic control device" means all signs, signals, markings and devices, not inconsistent with chs. 341 to 349, placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic; and includes the terms "official traffic sign" and "official traffic signal".

**SECTION 3.** 340.01 (39) of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 4.** 340.01 (69) of the statutes is amended to read:

340.01 (69) "Traffic control signal" means any device ~~using colored lights~~, whether manually, electrically or mechanically operated, by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and permitted to go proceed.

**SECTION 5.** 349.065 of the statutes is created to read:

**349.065 Uniform traffic control devices.** Local authorities shall place and maintain traffic control devices upon highways under their jurisdiction to regulate,

warn, guide or inform traffic. The design, installation and operation or use of new traffic control devices placed and maintained by local authorities after the adoption of the uniform traffic control devices manual under s. 84.02 (4) (e) shall conform to the manual. After January 1, 1977, all traffic control devices placed and maintained by local authorities shall conform to the manual.

**SECTION 6. Effective date.** This act shall take effect January 1, 1974.