

1983 Assembly Bill 342

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1983 Wisconsin Act 130

AN ACT to amend 84.01 (27), 84.03 (3) (a), 340.01 (28m) and 349.22; and to create 340.01 (6r) of the statutes, relating to car pools.

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

SECTION 1. 84.01 (27) of the statutes is amended to read:

84.01 (27) URBAN MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS. To encourage the development, improvement and use of public mass transportation systems operating motor vehicles on highways and to encourage the use of car pool vehicles, as defined in s. 340.01 (6r), but not motorcycles, for the transportation of passengers within urbanized areas so as to increase traffic capacity, the department may, from funds available under s. 84.03 (3) and with county approval, acquire, construct, reconstruct and maintain lands and facilities

for the development, improvement and use of public mass transportation systems or car pool vehicles for the transportation of passengers within urbanized areas in this state. The department may encourage generally and provide, without limitation by enumeration, for the construction of exclusive or preferential bus lanes, highway control devices, bus passenger loading areas and terminal facilities, including shelters, ~~and~~ fringe and corridor parking facilities to serve bus, car pool and other public mass transportation passengers and, with the approval of the local authority charged with the maintenance of the highway facility, preferential lanes for car pool vehicles. All moneys granted or allotted to this state as federal aid for the purposes specified in this subsection shall be expended by the department in accordance with the act of congress relating to such federal aid funds.

SECTION 2. 84.03 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

84.03 (3) (a) The appropriations made by s. 20.395 (3) (aq) shall be allotted by the department for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of the state trunk highway system, lands and facilities for mass transit systems and car pool vehicles under s. 84.01 (27) and connecting highways in the several counties and expended by the department in accordance with s. 84.06 upon projects which have been approved by the counties. All or any part of any such allotment to the credit of any county may, with the consent of the county involved, be allocated by the department to match or supplement federal aid for projects on the state trunk highway system or connecting highways within the county to which the allotment is credited. Of such appropriation \$8,000,000 of such appropriation shall be allotted, 40% in the ratio that the number of motor vehicles registered from each county in the fiscal year ended the previous June 30 bears to the total number registered in the state and 60% in the ratio that the mileage of highways in each county, exclusive of highways and streets in cities and villages, bears to the total mileage of such highways in the state except that in counties having a population of 500,000 or more, 25% of the total mileage of all highways and streets in cities and villages shall be included in the eligible mileage of such counties and in the total mileage in the state.

SECTION 3. 340.01 (6r) of the statutes is created to read:

340.01 (6r) "Car pool vehicle" means a motor truck having a gross weight of 6,000 pounds or less or an automobile or a motor bus when such vehicles are transporting 2 or more persons, or a motorcycle. "Car pool vehicle" does not include any vehicle which is towing a trailer.

SECTION 4. 340.01 (28m) of the statutes is amended to read:

340.01 (28m) "Mass transit way" means that portion of the highway designated for the primary use of mass transit vehicles or car pool vehicles or both and the incidental use of other permitted vehicles.

SECTION 5. 349.22 of the statutes is amended to read:

349.22 Authority to establish mass transit way. (1) ~~The governing body of any city, town, village or county~~ department with respect to the state trunk highway system may by order, and any local authority with respect to highways under its jurisdiction may by ordinance, designate a portion of any highway under its jurisdiction as a mass transit way, designate the type and character of vehicles which may be operated thereon and specify those conditions under which any of said vehicles may be operated thereon. If car pool vehicles are permitted to use the mass transit way, the authority designating the mass transit way may specify the minimum number of occupants, including the operator, in the vehicles. In this section, the department's authority to designate a mass transit way is limited to freeway entrance ramps and state trunk highways connecting with or extending a mass transit way designated by a local authority.

(2) ~~Whenever a city, town, village or county~~ the department or local authority designates any highway or portion thereof under its jurisdiction as a mass transit way it may establish priority of right-of-way thereon and make such other regulation of the use

of the mass transit way as it deems necessary; ~~and it.~~ The department or local authority shall cause appropriate signs to be erected giving notice thereof of priorities or regulations established under this subsection.

(3) ~~Such city, town, village or county~~ The department or local authority designating the mass transit way may construct curbs, paint lines, erect signs or establish other physical separations to exclude the use of the mass transit way by vehicles other than those specifically permitted to operate thereon.
