



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 193
[2005 Assembly Bill 365]

**Traffic Control Signal
Preemption Devices**

2005 Wisconsin Act 193 defines an emergency preemption device as a device on a traffic control signal that permits an approaching vehicle to alter the normal sequence of the signal to provide or maintain a green light for the emergency vehicle. The Act prohibits a person from operating a vehicle, other than an authorized emergency vehicle, that is equipped with a transmitter that emits a signal for the purpose of activating an emergency preemption device or a vehicle in which such a transmitter is located. This offense is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed one year, or both.

The Act also prohibits the use of a transmitter in an authorized emergency vehicle except under specified emergency circumstances. A violation of this provision is punishable by a forfeiture of not less than \$10 nor more than \$200.

The Act provides that no person may purchase or sell a transmitter except for purposes authorized under the Act. This offense is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed one year, or both.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.