



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2003 Assembly Bill 203**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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**Current law** generally requires that all vehicles be driven in the right half of the roadway and in the right-hand lane of a three-lane highway, except: (1) when making an approach for a left turn; (2) when overtaking and passing; or (3) when circumstances permit or require driving on the left half of the roadway. [s. 346.05 (1), Stats.] Current law also requires, with exceptions, that any vehicle traveling at less than the speed of surrounding traffic be driven in the right-hand lane then available for traffic, or as close as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway. [s. 346.05 (3), Stats.]

The **bill** specifies that notwithstanding s. 346.05 (1), Stats. (described above), no person may impede the flow of traffic by continuously operating a motor vehicle in the left-most lane of a controlled-access highway **that has at least** two lanes of traffic in each direction.

Under **Assembly Amendment 1**, a person is prohibited from impeding the flow of traffic by continuously operating a motor vehicle in the left-most lane of a controlled-access highway **with only two lanes of traffic** in each direction (i.e., substitutes “with only” for “with at least” before “two lanes of traffic in each direction.”)

### **LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

On October 15, 2003, the Assembly Committee on Highway Safety voted to recommend passage of Assembly Bill 203, as amended by Assembly Amendment 1 (which was adopted on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0; Absent, 1), by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 2; Absent, 1.

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