



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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