



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2011 Assembly Bill 265**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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### **ASSEMBLY BILL 265**

Assembly Bill 265 modifies the definition of “bicycle” to include vehicles propelled by hand; allows bicyclists to use hand and arm signals for turns and stops with either arm; allows a lamp emitting a red light to the rear to be used as a substitute for a red reflector during hours of darkness on a bicycle, motor bicycle, or electric personal assistive mobility device; allows a vehicle to pass in a no-passing zone to overtake and pass, with care, any vehicle, including a bicycle, traveling at a speed significantly less than the normal speed of traffic; allows bicycles to be operated with metal tires or tires having protuberances that will not injure the highway; exempts bicycles from the 15 miles per hour speed limit for vehicles equipped with metal tires; allows municipalities to enact ordinances considering mopeds as motorcycles rather than bicycles for the purpose of parking, allowing municipalities to prohibit moped parking on sidewalks and in bicycle parking areas; and allows mopeds to be parked like motorcycles in parking spaces.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 clarifies the provision in the bill that modifies the definition of “bicycle” to include vehicles propelled by hand by allowing the use of “cranks” in addition to “pedals” for propelling the vehicle; modifies the provision in the bill allowing a vehicle to pass in a no-passing zone, to allow a vehicle to overtake and pass, with care, any vehicle, including a bicycle, traveling at a speed less than “half of the applicable speed limit” at the place of passing; clarifies that the lamp emitting a red light to the rear of a bicycle or other vehicles as authorized under the bill can be “steady or flashing”; allows municipalities to establish parking areas for mopeds only and to otherwise regulate moped parking; and delays the effective date of the bill for three months after publication.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Ripp on October 10, 2011. On October 11, 2011, the Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of Assembly Bill 265, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0.

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