



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 162

March 13, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives COLON and SERATTI, by request of Wisconsin Radio Emergency Associated Communications Team. Referred to Committee on Highway Safety.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 347.26 (11) (am) of the statutes; **relating to:** the use of a
2 flashing red or amber lamp or strobe light on vehicles providing safety radio
3 assistance.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law generally prohibits any vehicle from displaying any flashing light. Specific exceptions allow flashing lights to be displayed on police vehicles, fire engines, ambulances, school buses, mail delivery vehicles, highway maintenance vehicles, and certain other vehicles. In addition, any vehicle may display flashing lights to warn other motorists of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring caution when approaching, overtaking, or passing the traffic hazard.

This bill permits vehicles that are being used by noncommercial, private radio operators who are members of a local Radio Emergency Associated Communication Teams ("REACT") team in this state to be equipped with a flashing red or amber lamp or strobe light. REACT is a public service organization comprised of noncommercial, private radio operators who provide radio communications to their communities and to travelers. The flashing red or amber lamp or strobe light may only be used when providing safety radio assistance at the scene of an accident, fire, stalled or disabled vehicle, or other emergency, or at the scene of a parade or other community event.

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

