1973 Assembly Bill 584

CHAPTER 87 , Laws of 1973

AN ACT to amend 349.03 (2); and to create 349.23 of the statutes, relating to designation and regulation of bicycle ways by local units of government.

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

SECTION 1. 349.03 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

349.03 (2) No local authority may enact or enforce any traffic regulation providing for suspension or revocation of motor vehicle operator's licenses or requiring local registration of vehicles, except as authorized by s. 341.35, or in any manner excluding or prohibiting any motor vehicle, mobile home, trailer or semitrailer whose owner has complied with chs. 341 to 348 from the free use of all highways, except as authorized by sub. (3) and ss. 66.046 and, 349.17 and 349.23.

SECTION 2. 349.23 of the statutes is created to read:

349.23 Authority to establish bicycle ways. (1) The governing body of any city, town, village or county may by ordinance designate any sidewalk, highway or portion thereof under its jurisdiction as a bicycle way.

(2) A governing body designating a sidewalk, highway or portion thereof as a bicycle way under this section may:

(a) Designate the type and character of vehicles which may be operated on the bicycle way, provided that the operation of such vehicle is not inconsistent with the safe use and enjoyment of the bicycle way by bicycle traffic.

(b) Establish priority of right-of-way on the bicycle way and otherwise regulate the use of the bicycle way as it deems necessary. The designating governing body shall erect and maintain official signs giving notice of the regulations and priorities established under this paragraph.

(c)   Paint lines or construct curbs or establish other physical separations to exclude the use of the bicycle way by vehicles other than those specifically permitted to operate thereon.

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