



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2015 SENATE BILL 156

May 14, 2015 - Introduced by Senators PETROWSKI, COWLES, LASSA, NASS and OLSEN, cosponsored by Representatives ALLEN, RIPP, BROSTOFF, KITCHENS, NEYLON, A. OTT, SPIROS, STEFFEN, VORPAGEL and WEATHERSTON. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 346.03 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** application of stopping,  
2             standing, and parking provisions to certain authorized emergency vehicles.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, when the operator of an authorized emergency vehicle is responding to an emergency call or in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, the operator is exempt from certain traffic restrictions, subject to certain conditions. The operator is exempt from restrictions related to stopping, standing, and parking if the vehicle's warning lights are activated. The operator is exempt from restrictions related to speed, obedience to traffic signals, and direction of travel if the vehicle's warning lights and siren are activated.

This bill eliminates the requirement that an authorized emergency vehicle's warning lights be activated as a condition of the exemption from traffic restrictions related to stopping, standing, and parking.

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

3             **SECTION 1.** 346.03 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4             346.03 (3) ~~The exemption granted the operator of an authorized emergency~~  
5     ~~vehicle by sub. (2) (a) applies only when the operator of the vehicle is giving visual~~

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1 ~~signal by means of at least one flashing, oscillating or rotating red light except that~~  
2 ~~the visual signal given by a police vehicle may be by means of a blue light and a red~~  
3 ~~light which are flashing, oscillating or rotating, except as otherwise provided in sub.~~  
4 ~~(4m).~~ The exemptions granted by sub. (2) (b), (c) and (d) apply only when the operator  
5 of the emergency vehicle is giving both such a visual signal by means of at least one  
6 flashing, oscillating, or rotating red light, except that the visual signal given by a  
7 police vehicle may be by means of a blue light and a red light which are flashing,  
8 oscillating, or rotating, and also an audible signal by means of a siren or exhaust  
9 whistle, except as otherwise provided in sub. (4) or (4m).

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