



## 2015 SENATE BILL 66

March 5, 2015 – Introduced by Senators COWLES, WANGGAARD, LASSA and BEWLEY, cosponsored by Representatives JACQUE, SPIROS, BOWEN, A. OTT, BRANDTJEN, KREMER, MURPHY, MURSAU, MURTHA, OHNSTAD, ROHRKASTE, STEFFEN and TITTL. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 346.37 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** traffic control at  
2           nonfunctioning or malfunctioning traffic control signals.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, certain requirements apply to traffic controlled by traffic control signals exhibiting different colored lights, including that traffic stop at a red signal. Current law also requires traffic to stop at an official stop sign.

Under this bill, if a traffic control signal suffers a loss of power or otherwise malfunctions so that the traffic control signal does not exhibit any color of light, traffic must proceed at the traffic control signal as if the traffic control signal were a stop sign, unless otherwise directed by a traffic officer.

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

3           **SECTION 1.** 346.37 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

4           346.37 (3) If a traffic control signal suffers a loss of power or otherwise  
5           malfunctions so that the traffic control signal does not exhibit any color of light,  
6           vehicular traffic, pedestrians, and persons riding bicycles or electric personal  
7           assistive mobility devices shall proceed at the traffic control signal as if the traffic

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1 control signal were an official stop sign and shall comply with the requirements  
2 applicable under ss. 346.18 (1) and (3) and 346.46 (1), (2), and (4), unless otherwise  
3 directed by a traffic officer.

4 (END)