

1973 Assembly Bill 583

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AN ACT to amend 349.03 (2); and to create 340.01 (28m) and (28q) and 349.22 of the statutes, relating to establishment and regulation of mass transit ways by municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. 340.01 (28m) and (28q) of the statutes are created to read:

340.01 (28m) "Mass transit way" means that portion of the highway designated for the primary use of mass transit vehicles and the incidental use of other permitted vehicles.

(28q) "Mass transit vehicle" means any vehicle used for providing transportation service, either publicly or privately owned, which provides a general transportation service to any member of the public on a regular, continuing and completely equal basis.

SECTION 2. 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 349.22.

SECTION 3. 349.22 of the statutes is created to read:

349.22 Authority to establish mass transit way. (1) The governing body of any city, town, village or county may by ordinance designate a portion of any highway under its jurisdiction as a mass transit way, designate the type and character of vehicles which may be operated thereon and specify those conditions under which any of said vehicles may be operated thereon.

(2) Whenever a city, town, village or county designates any highway or portion thereof under its jurisdiction as a mass transit way it may establish priority of right-of-way thereon and make such other regulation of the use of the mass transit way as it deems necessary; and it shall cause appropriate signs to be erected giving notice thereof.

(3) Such city, town, village or county may construct curbs, paint lines or establish other physical separations to exclude the use of the mass transit way by vehicles other than those specifically permitted to operate thereon.
