



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 98

February 6, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives PLACHE, TURNER, HAHN, BLACK, HANSON, LEHMAN, BELL, BALDUS, DOBYNS, ROBSON, KAUFERT, HUBER, SPRINGER, ZIEGELBAUER, RILEY, BOCK, CARPENTER, BRANDEMUEHL, HASENOHRL, WASSERMAN and SERATTI, cosponsored by Senators ROSENZWEIG, RUDE, PETAK, CLAUSING, BURKE, RISSER, BRESKE, CHVALA and BUETTNER. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 346.60 (3m) and 346.65 (5m) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 increasing forfeitures for speeding committed in highway maintenance or
3 construction area and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires any applicable minimum and maximum forfeiture or fine for a violation of certain traffic laws to be doubled if the offense was committed in a highway maintenance or construction area. The traffic laws subject to this penalty enhancement include certain speeding violations, but does not include the general prohibition against exceeding any posted speed limit. A violation of this prohibition may result in a forfeiture of not less than \$30 nor more than \$300.

This bill provides that the traffic laws subject to this penalty enhancement include the general prohibition against exceeding any posted speed limit, thereby doubling the applicable minimum and maximum forfeiture for any violation of this general prohibition that was committed in a highway maintenance or construction area.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 346.60 (3m) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 346.60 (3m) If an operator of a vehicle violates s. 346.57 (2), (3) ~~or~~, (4) (d) to (h)
6 or (5) where persons engaged in work in a highway maintenance or construction area

1 are at risk from traffic, any applicable minimum and maximum forfeiture specified
2 in sub. (2) or (3) for the violation shall be doubled.

3 **SECTION 2.** 346.65 (5m) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 346.65 **(5m)** If an operator of a vehicle violates s. 346.62 (2) to (4) where persons
5 engaged in work in a highway maintenance or construction area are at risk from
6 traffic, any applicable minimum and maximum forfeiture or fine specified in sub. (1),
7 ~~(2), (2j)~~, (3) or (5) for the violation shall be doubled.

8 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

9 (1) This act first applies to violations committed on the effective date of this
10 subsection, but does not preclude the counting of other violations as prior violations
11 for sentencing a person or for suspending or revoking a person's operating privilege.

12 (END)