

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 274

April 9, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives LA FAVE, MUSSER, SINICKI, F. LASEE, NASS and MONTGOMERY, cosponsored by Senators PLACHE, HUELSMAN, DARLING and ROSENZWEIG, by request of Wisconsin Troopers Association. Referred to Committee on Highway Safety.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 346.02 (6); and **to create** 346.05 (1g) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** impeding the flow of traffic by continuously operating a motor vehicle in the
3 left-most lane of a controlled-access highway.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law generally requires that all vehicles be driven in the right half of the roadway and in the right-hand lane of a three-lane highway, except when making an approach for a left turn, when overtaking and passing or when circumstances permit or require driving on the left half of the roadway. Current law also requires, with exceptions, that any vehicle traveling at less than the speed of surrounding traffic be driven in the right-hand lane then available for traffic, or as close as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway.

This bill prohibits a person from impeding the flow of traffic by continuously operating a motor vehicle in the left-most lane of a controlled-access highway. A person who violates this prohibition may be required to forfeit not less than \$30 nor more than \$300, the same penalty that applies to violations of the requirement of traveling in the right-hand lane of the roadway.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 346.02 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

