

**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
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Sen. Roessler:

It is not necessary to change the plural "children" to the singular "child" in order to make the speed limit under s. 346.57 (4) (b), stats., applicable to an intersection where only one child is present. Section 990.001 (1), stats., provides that in construing Wisconsin laws the singular includes the plural, and the plural includes the singular, unless construction in accordance with that rule would produce a result inconsistent with the manifest intent of the legislature. See, *Burke v. National Farmers Union Prop. & Cas. Co.*, 36 Wis. 2d 427 (1967); *Binsfeld v. Curran*, 22 Wis. 2d 610 (1963); *Lisowski v. Milwaukee Automobile Mut. Ins. Co.*, 17 Wis. 2d 499 (1961). Each of those cases applied a duty to drive carefully when "children" are present, even though only one child was present.

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