

# State of Wisconsin



2001 Senate Bill 70

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## 2001 WISCONSIN ACT 27

**AN ACT** to *renumber* 345.11 (7); and to *create* 345.11 (7) (b) and 346.70 (4) (i) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring law enforcement officers to report traffic violations and accidents involving any foreign diplomat to the federal department of state.

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

**SECTION 1.** 345.11 (7) of the statutes is renumbered 345.11 (7) (a).

**SECTION 2.** 345.11 (7) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

345.11 (7) (b) Whenever a law enforcement officer issues a uniform traffic citation to an operator who displays a driver's license issued by the federal department of state or otherwise claims immunities or privileges under [22 USC 254a to 258a](#) with respect to the operator's violation of any state traffic law or any local traffic law enacted by any local authority in accordance with s. 349.06, the officer shall:

1. As soon as practicable, contact the diplomatic security command center of the office of foreign missions, diplomatic motor vehicle office, within the federal department of state, to verify the status and immunity, if any, of the operator.

2. Within 10 days after the citation is issued, forward a copy of the uniform traffic citation, at no charge, to the diplomatic security command center of the office of foreign missions, diplomatic motor vehicle office, within the federal department of state.

**SECTION 3.** 346.70 (4) (i) of the statutes is created to read:

346.70 (4) (i) Whenever a law enforcement officer investigates or receives a report of a traffic accident subject to sub. (1), in which the operator of any vehicle involved in the accident displays a driver's license issued by the federal department of state or otherwise claims immunities or privileges under [22 USC 254a to 258a](#) with respect to the operator's violation of any state traffic law or any local traffic law enacted by any local authority in accordance with s. 349.06, the officer shall do all of the following:

1. As soon as practicable, contact the diplomatic security command center of the office of foreign missions, diplomatic motor vehicle office, within the federal department of state, to verify the status and immunity, if any, of the driver claiming diplomatic immunity.

2. Within 10 days after the date of the accident, forward a copy of the report of the accident, at no charge, to the diplomatic security command center of the office of foreign missions, diplomatic motor vehicle office, within the federal department of state.

**SECTION 4. Initial applicability.**

(1) The treatment of section 345.11 (7) (b) of the statutes first applies to traffic citations for violation of any state traffic law, or any local traffic law enacted by any local authority in accordance with section 349.06 of the statutes, issued on the effective date of this subsection.

\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1999-00 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

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(2) The treatment of section 346.70 (4) (i) of the statutes first applies to accidents occurring on the effective date of this subsection.

**SECTION 5. Effective date.**

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 7th month after publication.

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