

## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 70

February 1, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER, ALBERS and BOYLE.  
Referred to Committee on Highway Safety.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 346.88 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** driving a vehicle when  
2             animals are in the front seat of the vehicle and providing a penalty.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law prohibits a person from driving a vehicle when the number of persons that are in the front seat of the vehicle, or any person is so situated, so as to obstruct the driver's view to the front or sides or interfere with his or her use of both hands and feet for purposes of driving the vehicle. Failure to comply with this prohibition may result in a forfeiture of not less than \$20 nor more than \$40 for a first violation or, for a second or subsequent violation within a year, a forfeiture of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100.

This bill provides that this prohibition also applies to the number of animals that are in the front seat of a vehicle, or any animal that is so situated, so as to obstruct the driver's view or interfere with his or her use of both hands and feet.

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

3             **SECTION 1.** 346.88 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4             346.88 (1) No person shall drive a vehicle when it is so loaded or when there  
5             are in the front seat such number of persons or animals, or any persons or animals

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1 so situated, as to obstruct the view of the operator to the front or to the sides or as  
2 to interfere with the operator having free use of both hands and feet to the operating  
3 mechanisms or controls of the vehicle.

4 (END)