2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 201

March 15, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives Staskunas, Gard, Boyle, Carpenter, Miller, Lippert, Plouff, Colon and Berceau, cosponsored by Senators Baumgart, Grobschmidt and Rosenzweig. Referred to Committee on Highway Safety.

- 1 AN ACT *to amend* 346.70 (3m) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring traffic
- 2 accident reports to include information on cellular or other mobile telephone

3 use.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the department of transportation (DOT) to prepare a uniform traffic accident report form or automated format for distribution to persons, including law enforcement agencies, required to submit accident reports to DOT. The form or automated format must include sufficiently detailed information to disclose the conditions at the time of the accident, the persons and vehicles involved in the accident, and the cause of the accident.

This bill requires DOT to include in the uniform traffic accident report form or automated format an area designating whether use of a cellular or other mobile telephone contributed to causing the accident.

For further information see the *state* 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:

SECTION 1. 346.70 (3m) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

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346.70 (3m) (c) The department shall prepare and supply at its own expense
to police departments, coroners, sheriffs and other suitable agencies or individuals,
forms or an automated format for accident reports required to be made to the
department. Any report forms and automated format shall call for sufficiently
detailed information to disclose with reference to a traffic accident the cause,
including whether use of a cellular or other mobile telephone contributed to causing
the accident; conditions then existing; and the persons and vehicles involved.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to reports required to be made to the department of transportation for accidents occurring on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 3. Effective date.

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

14 (END)