

2001 SENATE BILL 70

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

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

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

7 345.11 (7) (b) Whenever a law enforcement officer issues a uniform traffic
8 citation to an operator who displays a driver's license issued by the federal
9 department of state or otherwise claims immunities or privileges under 22 USC 254a
10 to 258a with respect to the operator's violation of any state traffic law or any local

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1 traffic law enacted by any local authority in accordance with s. 349.06, the officer
2 shall:

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

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

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

11 346.70 (4) (i) Whenever a law enforcement officer investigates or receives a
12 report of a traffic accident subject to sub. (1), in which the operator of any vehicle
13 involved in the accident displays a driver's license issued by the federal department
14 of state or otherwise claims immunities or privileges under 22 USC 254a to 258a with
15 respect to the operator's violation of any state traffic law or any local traffic law
16 enacted by any local authority in accordance with s. 349.06, the officer shall do all
17 of the following:

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

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

SENATE BILL 70**1 SECTION 4. Initial applicability.**

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

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

8 SECTION 5. Effective date.

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

10 (END)