AN ACT to amend 84.30 (4) (b) 1.; and to create 84.30 (4) (bm) of the statutes; relating to: multiple or variable messages on off-premises outdoor advertising signs along interstate and federal-aid primary highways and granting rule-making authority.

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

SECTION 1. 84.30 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

84.30 (4) (b) 1. Signs which contain, include, or are illuminated by any flashing, intermittent, or moving light or lights are prohibited, except those specified in par. (bm) and those giving public service information such as time, date, temperature, weather, or similar information.

SECTION 2. 84.30 (4) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

84.30 (4) (bm) Signs may contain multiple or variable messages, including messages on louvers that are rotated and messages formed solely by use of lights or other electronic or digital displays, that may be changed by any electronic process, subject to all of the following restrictions:

1. Each change of message shall be accomplished in one second or less.
2. Each message shall remain in a fixed position for at least 6 seconds.
3. The use of traveling messages or segmented messages is prohibited.
4. The department, by rule, may prohibit or establish restrictions on the illumination of messages to a degree of brightness that is greater than necessary for adequate visibility.

* Section 991.11, Wisconsin Statutes 2003–04: 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].