2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 830

February 21, 2008 – Introduced by Representatives JORGENSEN, HIXSON, ALBERS, BERCEAU, BLACK, POCAN, SEIDEL, SHERIDAN and TOWNSEND, cosponsored by Senators RISSER, GROTHMAN and LASSA. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice.

AN ACT to amend 949.03 (1) (c) of the statutes; relating to: crime victim compensation awards for bicyclists injured or killed in vehicle accidents.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Justice (DOJ) may pay a crime victim compensation award to a person who is injured or killed as a result of certain crimes, or to the person’s dependents. Also under current law, it is a crime for a vehicle operator who is involved in an accident that results in injury or death to flee the accident scene, to fail to aid an accident victim, or to refuse to provide identification and vehicle information (crime of failing to fulfill accident duties). DOJ may pay a crime victim compensation award to a victim of the crime of failing to fulfill accident duties, if the person is a pedestrian.

This bill provides that DOJ may pay compensation to a bicyclist who is a victim of the crime of failing to fulfill accident duties.

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. 949.03 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

949.03 (1) (c) The commission or the attempt to commit the crime specified in s. 346.67 (1) if the victim was a pedestrian or was operating a bicycle.
SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to an injury or death that occurs one year before the effective date of this subsection.