



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 65
[2009 Senate Bill 158]

Vehicle Stops at Railroad Crossings

Current law requires a vehicle operator, when approaching an official stop sign at a railroad crossing, to stop the vehicle at least **10 feet** but not more than **30 feet** from the nearest rail before proceeding through the crossing.

2009 Wisconsin Act 65 specifies that a vehicle operator, when approaching a stop sign at a railroad crossing, must:

1. Stop the vehicle immediately before crossing a clearly marked stop line.
2. If there is no clearly marked stop line, stop the vehicle not less than **15 feet** nor more than **50 feet** from the nearest rail.

The new law applies to violations committed on the effective date, but does not preclude the counting of other violations as prior violations for purposes of sentencing a person.

Effective date: 2009 Wisconsin Act 65 takes effect on March 1, 2010.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.