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**WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...  
PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS**

**2009-10**

(session year)

**Senate**

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on ... Transportation, Tourism,  
Forestry, and Natural Resources (SC-TTFNR)**

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## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources**

##### **Assembly Bill 308**

Relating to: police escorts and vehicle rights-of-way related to escorted vehicles and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Bernard Schaber, Van Roy, Townsend, Hraychuck, Danou, A. Ott, Roth, Staskunas, Molepske Jr., Jorgensen, Turner, Berceau, Petrowski, Kaufert and Zepnick; cosponsored by Senators Hansen, Taylor, Ellis, Schultz and Lehman.

June 25, 2009            Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

July 16, 2009            **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (7)    Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent:    (0)    None.

##### Appearances For

- Dave Hansen — 30th Senate District

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations For

- Brad Gehring — Outgamie Sheriff's Department
- Dennis Kocken — Brown County Sheriff's Department
- Mike Furgal — Veterans of Foreign Wars

##### Registrations Against

- None.

##### Registrations for Information Only

- None.

September 3, 2009      **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present:    (7)    Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Hansen, seconded by Senator Sullivan that **Assembly Bill 308** be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

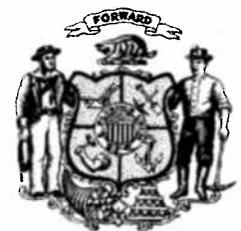
Noes: (0) None.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Elizabeth Novak  
Committee Clerk



# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



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**DENNIS KOCKEN**  
SHERIFF

State Representative Karl Van Roy  
90<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

July 14, 2009

Dear Representative Van Roy:

I was pleased to be informed that AB 308, the Police Escort Bill, passed the Assembly Committee and floor. I understand the Bill is up for a hearing on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

This Bill is supported by the Badger State Sheriff's Association as it clears up legal concerns with law enforcement's responsibility to safely escort diplomats, celebrities, sports teams and others. These events occur regularly throughout Wisconsin.

This circumstance can create significant safety concerns if not properly conducted, especially when involving public gatherings. Law Enforcement has been successfully keeping such events safe for many years. Specific statutory language will allow these efforts to continue state wide while ensuring uniform protocol and proper training.

AB 308 will assist the Brown County Sheriff's Department in safely escorting not only professional football teams, but also returning military soldiers, state championship high school teams and dignitaries susceptible to unforeseen danger.

Your ongoing support and the support of all the legislators is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis N. Kocken".

Dennis N. Kocken  
Brown County Sheriff



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DATE: July 15, 2009

TO: State Senator Holperin  
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry,  
and Natural Resources

FROM: Bradley G. Gehring, Sheriff

RE: Assembly Bill 308—Police Escorts

I would like to voice my support of Assembly Bill 308 concerning Police escorts. Current State Statute allows for funeral processions to proceed through intersections after only the lead vehicle has stopped at the intersection and yielded the right of way. All other vehicles in the procession can then proceed through without stopping.

State Statute does not allow law enforcement officers in marked vehicles the same privilege. This proposed legislation would allow law enforcement officers to escort vehicles through controlled intersections while using their emergency lights if the procession has a marked law enforcement vehicle at the head of the procession and one at the rear.

In our jurisdiction, as well as throughout the State, law enforcement officials are often called upon to escort professional sports teams, as well as national political figures, through our communities. In each case there is an expectation of law enforcement to keep the escorted vehicles together and moving in a safe manner for security reasons. Current law requires that every vehicle in such a procession stop at all stop signs and all red lights, yielding the right of way. This allows non-escorted vehicles to operate in between escorted vehicles which fragments the procession and compromises security.

In conclusion, I believe that this is necessary legislation which would allow police officers to safely fulfill the expectations of the community and our guests.

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