

SENATE BILL 341 (LRB -1783)

An Act to create 346.03 (2m) of the statutes; relating to: open doors on authorized emergency vehicles.

2011

12-19. S. Introduced by Senators Lazich, Wanggaard, Kedzie, Olsen and Galloway; cosponsored by Representatives Spanbauer and Petrowski.

12-19. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Transportation and Elections 629

2012

01-12. S. Public hearing held.

01-12. S. Executive action taken.

01-12. S. Report passage recommended by committee on Transportation and Elections, Ayes 5, Noes 0 649

01-12. S. Available for scheduling.

01-23. S. Placed on calendar 1-24-2012 pursuant to Senate Rule 18(1) 664

01-24. S. Senator Vinehout added as a coauthor 667

01-24. S. Read a second time 669

01-24. S. Ordered to a third reading 669

01-24. S. Rules suspended 669

01-24. S. Read a third time and passed 669

01-24. S. Ordered immediately messaged 670

01-25. A. Received from Senate 752

01-27. A. Read first time and referred to committee on Transportation 766

02-07. A. Public hearing held.

02-14. A. Executive action taken.

02-16. A. Report concurrence recommended by committee on Transportation, Ayes 13, Noes 0 801

02-16. A. Referred to committee on Rules 801

02-16. A. Placed on calendar 2-21-2012 by committee on Rules.

02-21. A. Read a second time.

02-21. A. Ordered to a third reading.

02-21. A. Rules suspended.

02-21. A. Read a third time and concurred in.

02-21. A. Ordered immediately messaged.

02-22. S. Received from Assembly concurred in.

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ADOPTED DOCUMENTS:

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Corrections - show date (if none, write "NONE"): None

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December 19, 2011 - Introduced by Senators LAZICH, WANGGAARD, KEDZIE, OLSEN and GALLOWAY, cosponsored by Representatives SPANBAUER and PETROWSKI. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to create* 346.03 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** open doors on
2 authorized emergency vehicles.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, when an authorized emergency vehicle is responding to an emergency call or in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, the operator is exempt from traffic restrictions relating to parking if the vehicle's warning lights are activated. The operator is also exempt from traffic restrictions relating to speed, traffic signals, and direction of travel if the vehicle's warning lights and siren are activated. However, even when an authorized emergency vehicle is operated with the vehicle's warning lights and siren activated, the operator must drive with due regard under the circumstances for the safety of all persons and may be held responsible for the consequences of his or her reckless disregard for the safety of others.

Also under current law, no person may open any door of a motor vehicle located on a highway without first taking due precaution to ensure that opening the door will not interfere with the movement of traffic or endanger any other person or vehicle.

Under this bill, a law enforcement officer, a fire fighter, or emergency medical personnel may open and leave open any door of an authorized emergency vehicle when the vehicle is stopped, standing, or parked and the person is performing official duties.

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

