



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 73
[2011 Assembly Bill 265]

Bicycles

2011 Wisconsin Act 73 makes a number of changes related to bicycles, including the following:

- Modifies the definition of “bicycle” to include vehicles propelled by the feet or hands acting upon pedals or cranks.
- Allows bicyclists to use hand and arm signals for turns and stops with either arm.
- Allows a lamp emitting a steady or flashing red light to the rear to be used as a substitute for a red reflector during hours of darkness on a bicycle, motor bicycle, or electric personal assistive mobility device.
- Allows a vehicle to pass in a no-passing zone, with care, any vehicle, including a bicycle, traveling at a speed less than “half of the applicable speed limit” at the place of passing.
- Allows bicycles to be operated with metal tires or tires having protuberances that will not injure the highway.
- Exempts bicycles from the 15 miles per hour speed limit for vehicles equipped with metal tires.
- Allows municipalities to consider mopeds as Type 1 motorcycles rather than bicycles for purposes of parking, establishing parking areas for mopeds only, and otherwise regulating moped parking.

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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/>.