



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 184
[2011 Senate Bill 341]

**Open Doors on Authorized
Emergency Vehicles**

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 his or her act will not interfere with the movement of traffic or endanger any other person or vehicle. *2011 Wisconsin Act 184* provides an exception to this obligation for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel. Under the Act, a law enforcement officer, fire fighter, or other 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. “Authorized emergency vehicle” is defined by statute and includes police and fire vehicles, as well as ambulances and private vehicles operated by certain persons responding to emergencies.

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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/>.