



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2011 Wisconsin Act 246**  
[2011 Assembly Bill 609]

**Road Closure Barriers**

The authorities in charge of the maintenance or construction of a highway must keep a highway closed, by maintaining barriers at each end of the closed portion, if the highway is impassable or unsafe for travel or during the construction or repair of any such highway. Prior law required that the barriers to be lit at night.

2011 Wisconsin Act 246 eliminates the requirement that the barriers must be lighted at night. Instead, the Act requires that the barriers conform to the standards for traffic control devices in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Also under prior law, all contractors doing any work that obstructed the streets or sidewalks were required to put up and maintain barriers and lights to prevent accidents.

The Act eliminates the requirement that contractors put up and maintain lights. Instead, the Act requires that the barriers conform to the standards for traffic control devices in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

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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/>.