



State of Wisconsin
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2011 SENATE BILL 483

February 15, 2012 - Introduced by Senators HOLPERIN, JAUCH, SCHULTZ, TAYLOR, LASSA, C. LARSON and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives MILROY, BALLWEG, A. OTT, SPANBAUER, RINGHAND and RIVARD. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 86.19 (1); and **to create** 86.19 (1g) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** informational highway signs identifying wild rivers and granting
3 rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with limited exceptions, a sign may not be placed within the limits of a highway except as necessary to guide or warn traffic and the authority charged with the maintenance of the highway must remove and dispose of signs placed in violation of this restriction.

Also under current law, the Department of Transportation (DOT) must adopt a manual establishing a uniform system of traffic control devices (MUTCD) for use on the highways of this state, which must be consistent with current nationally recognized standards for traffic control devices. Traffic control devices placed and maintained by local authorities must conform to the MUTCD as adopted by DOT.

Under this bill, any local authority charged with the maintenance of a highway that passes over a wild river may place within the limits of the highway informational signs identifying the wild river. These informational signs may be placed regardless of the provisions of the MUTCD, but DOT may by rule establish uniform standards for the appearance of these signs.

