



## 2013 SENATE BILL 666

March 10, 2014 – Introduced by Senator GROTHMAN, cosponsored by Representative MURPHY. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs.

- 1     **AN ACT** *to create* 84.06 (14) of the statutes; **relating to:** ramps on certain  
2           highway projects of the Department of Transportation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under this bill, if a Department of Transportation (DOT) highway project having a total cost of at least \$5,000,000 and involving a state trunk highway having at least four lanes (project) includes the replacement of one or more left-side ramps with any right-side ramp, DOT must conduct a study and prepare a report relating to this planned replacement. The report must include a cost-benefit analysis of the replacement and an assessment of whether this replacement is cost-effective. DOT must submit this report to the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF), for passive review, before DOT begins construction of the project. If the JCF cochairpersons do not notify DOT within 14 working days that JCF has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the report, DOT may proceed with the project as planned. If, within 14 working days, the JCF cochairpersons notify DOT that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the report, DOT may not include as part of the project the replacement of any left-side ramp with any right-side ramp unless the plan for this replacement is approved by JCF.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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1           **SECTION 1.** 84.06 (14) of the statutes is created to read:

2           **84.06 (14) LEFT-SIDE RAMPS ON CERTAIN HIGHWAY PROJECTS.** (a) In this  
3 subsection:

4           1. “Left-side ramp” means an access point to or from a highway that permits  
5 a vehicle to enter or exit the highway directly into the leftmost lane for through traffic  
6 traveling in the same direction.

7           2. “Project” means any highway improvement project having a total cost of at  
8 least \$5,000,000 and involving a state trunk highway with 4 or more lanes for traffic.

9           3. “Right-side ramp” means an access point to or from a highway that permits  
10 a vehicle to enter or exit the highway directly into the rightmost lane for through  
11 traffic traveling in the same direction.

12           (b) If the department’s plans for a project include the replacement of one or  
13 more left-side ramps with any right-side ramp, the department shall conduct a  
14 study and prepare a report relating to this planned replacement. The report shall  
15 include a cost-benefit analysis of the replacement and an assessment of whether this  
16 replacement is cost-effective, including the reasoning for all conclusions in the  
17 assessment.

18           (c) The department shall submit the report under par. (b) to the joint committee  
19 on finance before construction of the project is commenced. If the cochairpersons of  
20 the joint committee on finance do not notify the department within 14 working days  
21 after the date on which the department submits the report that the committee has  
22 scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the report, the department may  
23 proceed with the project as planned. If, within 14 working days after the date on  
24 which the department submits the report, the cochairpersons of the joint committee  
25 on finance notify the department that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the

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1 purpose of reviewing the report, the department may not include as part of the  
2 project the replacement of any left-side ramp with any right-side ramp unless the  
3 plan for this replacement is approved, or modified and approved, by the committee.

4 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

5 (1) This act first applies to projects for which construction work is commenced  
6 on the effective date of this subsection.

7 **SECTION 3. Effective date.**

8 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after  
9 publication.

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