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.wisconsin.gov.

BACKGROUND

Under current law, whenever any roadway has been divided into two or more clearly indicated lanes, the operator of a vehicle is required to drive within a single lane and may not deviate from the lane unless such movement can be made with safety to vehicles approaching from the rear.

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The Act permits the operator of a large vehicle or combination of vehicles to deviate from the lane in which the operator is driving to the extent necessary to approach and drive through a roundabout. A large vehicle or combination of vehicles is defined as having a minimum total length of 40 feet or a minimum total width of 10 feet.

The Act also requires the operator of a small vehicle, defined as a vehicle that is less than 40 feet long or 10 feet wide, to yield the right-of-way to any large vehicle or combination of vehicles when the small vehicle operator is approaching or driving through a roundabout at approximately the same time or so closely as to constitute a hazard of collision.

Additionally, the Act provides that, if two large vehicles or combination of vehicles approach or drive through a roundabout at the same time or so closely as to constitute a hazard of collision, the large vehicle or combination of vehicles on the right must yield the right-of-way to the large vehicle or combination of vehicles on the left.

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