



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Assembly Bill 451

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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CURRENT LAW

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.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

The substitute amendment 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 substitute amendment 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 substitute amendment 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.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Ed Brooks on November 16, 2015. On December 8, 2015, the Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended adoption of the substitute amendment, on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0. On the same day, the committee recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0.

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