September 1, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives August, Ripp, Spiros, Mason, Rohrkaste, Macco, Murphy, Heaton, Kahl, Weatherston, Knodl, Krug, Swearingen, Vorpagel and Thiesfeldt, cosponsored by Senators Petrowski, Lassa and Hansen. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

AN ACT to create 340.01 (6u) and 349.13 (1h) of the statutes; relating to:

highway parking of motor vehicles owned by carsharing organizations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the state and local authorities generally have the power to regulate the stopping, standing, and parking of motor vehicles on highways. This bill authorizes the Department of Transportation (DOT), with respect to state trunk highways outside of corporate limits, and local authorities, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction including state trunk highways or connecting highways within corporate limits, to allow the parking of motor vehicles owned by carsharing organizations on a highway in a zone where the time of parking is limited by official signs, markers, or parking meters without regard to the time limits posted. DOT or a local authority may enter into an agreement with a carsharing organization to authorize parking and to establish fees and conditions of operation. This bill defines “carsharing organization” as a business entity that is a rental company that offers a membership service in which members share type 1 automobiles, the use of which may be purchased from the business entity on the basis of trip, trip distance, or trip duration.

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

SECTION 1. 340.01 (6u) of the statutes is created to read:
340.01 (6u) “Carsharing organization” means a business entity, as defined in s. 180.1100 (1), that is a rental company that offers a membership service in which members share type 1 automobiles, the use of which may be purchased from the business entity on the basis of trip, trip distance, or trip duration.

SECTION 2. 349.13 (1h) of the statutes is created to read:

349.13 (1h) (a) The department, with respect to state trunk highways outside of corporate limits, and local authorities, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction including state trunk highways or connecting highways within corporate limits, may authorize the parking of automobiles owned by carsharing organizations on a highway in a zone where the time of parking is limited by official signs, markers, or parking meters without regard to the time limits posted.

(b) The department or a local authority may enter into an agreement with a carsharing organization to authorize parking under this subsection and to establish fees and requirements. This agreement may not modify the prohibitions, limitations, or restrictions on stopping, standing, or parking of motor vehicles imposed by ch. 346 except as expressly permitted by this subsection.

(END)