October 14, 2015 - Introduced by Senators PETROWSKI, NASS and OLSSEN, cosponsored by Representatives RIPP, ALLEN, BALLWEG, HUTTON, KLEEFISCH, KNODL, KRUG, MURSAU, A. OTT, SINICKI and WEATHERSTON. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

AN ACT to amend 346.37 (1) (c) 3. of the statutes; relating to: lawful turns on a red signal.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, vehicles facing a red signal at an intersection may make a right turn into the nearest lane for traffic moving to the right. No turn, however, may be made on a red signal if lanes of moving traffic must be crossed or if a sign at the intersection prohibits a turn.

Under this bill, vehicles in the leftmost right-turn lane of a roadway that provides two right-turn lanes may make a right turn on a red signal into a lane that is second to the rightmost lane for traffic moving to the right. A turn of this sort may be made regardless of whether lanes of moving traffic must be crossed.

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

SECTION 1. 346.37 (1) (c) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

346.37 (1) (c) 3. Vehicular traffic facing a red signal at an intersection may, after stopping as required under subd. 1., cautiously enter the intersection to make a right turn into the nearest lawfully available lane for traffic moving to the right or to turn
left from a one-way highway into the nearest lawfully available lane of a one-way highway on which vehicular traffic travels to the left. No vehicular traffic in the leftmost right-turn lane of a roadway that provides 2 right-turn lanes may make a right turn on a red signal into a lawfully available lane that is 2nd to the rightmost lane for traffic moving to the right. Except for a vehicle turning right from the leftmost right-turn lane of a roadway that provides 2 right-turn lanes, no turn may be made on a red signal if lanes of moving traffic are crossed or if a sign at the intersection prohibits a turn. No turn may be made on a red signal if a sign at the intersection prohibits a turn. In making a turn on a red signal vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, bicyclists, and riders of electric personal assistive mobility devices lawfully within a crosswalk, to operators of vehicles making a lawful U-turn, and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

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