AN ACT to create 346.13 (5) and 346.18 (8) of the statutes; relating to:
right-of-way in roundabouts.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the operator of an automobile, motorcycle, moped, motor bicycle, or bicycle to yield the right-of-way to certain vehicles approaching or maneuvering through a roundabout.

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.

Under this bill, a person operating a vehicle that is not an automobile, motorcycle, moped, motor bicycle, or bicycle within a roundabout may deviate from the traffic lane in which the operator is driving if necessary to navigate a roundabout. Under this bill, the operator of an automobile, motorcycle, moped, motor bicycle, or bicycle is required to yield the right-of-way to any motor vehicle that is not an automobile, motorcycle, moped, motor bicycle, or bicycle approaching or maneuvering through a roundabout.

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

SECTION 1. 346.13 (5) of the statutes is created to read:
346.13 (5) Notwithstanding sub. (1), a person operating a vehicle that is not an automobile, motorcycle, moped, motor bicycle, or bicycle within a roundabout may deviate from the traffic lane in which the operator is driving if necessary to navigate the roundabout.

SECTION 2. 346.18 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

346.18 (8) ROUNDABOUT. The operator of an automobile, motorcycle, moped, motor bicycle, or bicycle shall yield the right-of-way to any motor vehicle that is not an automobile, motorcycle, moped, motor bicycle, or bicycle approaching or maneuvering through a roundabout and, if necessary, shall reduce speed or stop in order to so yield.

(END)