2021 SENATE BILL 755

December 17, 2021 - Introduced by Senator KOOYENGA, cosponsored by Representatives SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI and ROZAR. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Local Government.

AN ACT to amend 84.25 (3) of the statutes; relating to: use of tire deflation devices on certain state highway exit ramps.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, when constructing or reconstructing exit ramps on state trunk highways that have two or more divided lanes in either direction or interstate highways, the Department of Transportation must install tire deflation devices on the exit ramps for the purpose of preventing motor vehicles from entering the exit ramp from the direction opposite of the direction for which travel has been designated.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 84.25 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

84.25 (3) CONSTRUCTION; OTHER POWERS OF DEPARTMENT. In order to provide for the public safety, convenience, and the general welfare, the department may use an existing highway or provide new and additional facilities for a controlled-access
highway and so design the same and its appurtenances, and so regulate, restrict, or
prohibit access to or departure from it as the department deems necessary or
desirable. The department may eliminate intersections at grade of controlled-access
highways with existing highways or streets, by grade separation or service road, or
by closing off such roads and streets at the right-of-way boundary line of such
controlled-access highway and may divide and separate any controlled-access
highway into separate roadways or lanes by raised curbings, dividing sections, or
other physical separations or by signs, markers, stripes, or other suitable devices,
and may execute any construction necessary in the development of a
controlled-access highway including service roads or separation of grade structures.
Notwithstanding s. 84.02 (4) (e), on controlled-access highways that are part of the
national system of interstate and defense highways or are state trunk highways that
have 2 or more divided lanes in either direction, when constructing or reconstructing
exit ramps the department shall install tire deflation devices on the exit ramps so as
to prevent motor vehicles from entering the exit ramp from the direction opposite of
the direction for which travel has been designated.

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