



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 365

Assembly Amendment 1

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Assembly Bill 365 defines an emergency preemption device as a device on a traffic control signal that permits an approaching vehicle to alter the normal sequence of the signal to provide or maintain a green light for the emergency vehicle. The bill prohibits a person from operating a vehicle, other than an authorized emergency vehicle, that is equipped with a transmitter that emits a signal for the purpose of activating an emergency preemption device or a vehicle in which such a transmitter is located. This offense is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed one year, or both.

The bill also prohibits the use of a transmitter in an authorized emergency vehicle except under specified emergency circumstances. A violation of this provision is punishable by a forfeiture of not less than \$10 nor more than \$200.

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that no person may purchase or sell a transmitter except for purposes authorized under the bill. This offense is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed one year, or both.

Legislative History

Representative Van Roy offered Assembly Amendment 1 on September 7, 2005. The Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Homeland Security recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0, on September 7, 2005.

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