



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Senate Bill 379

Senate Substitute Amendment 1

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CURRENT LAW

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.

2015 SENATE BILL 379

Senate Bill 379 provides that 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. It further provides that 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.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 permits the operator of a large vehicle or combination of vehicles to deviate from the lane in which the operator is driving to the extent necessary to approach and drive through a roundabout. A large vehicle or combination of vehicles is defined as having a minimum total length of 40 feet or a minimum total width of 10 feet.

The substitute amendment also requires the operator of a small vehicle, defined as a vehicle that is less than 40 feet long or 10 feet wide, to yield the right-of-way to any large vehicle or combination of vehicles when the small vehicle operator is approaching or driving through a roundabout at approximately the same time or so closely as to constitute a hazard of collision.

Additionally, the substitute amendment provides that, if two large vehicles or combination of vehicles approach or drive through a roundabout at the same time or so closely as to constitute a hazard of collision, the large vehicle or combination of vehicles on the right must yield the right-of-way to the large vehicle or combination of vehicles on the left.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Marklein offered Senate Substitute Amendment 1 on November 18, 2015. On January 14, 2016, the Senate Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs voted unanimously to recommend adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1 and passage of Senate Bill 379, as amended.

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