

Assembly Hearing Slip

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Date: 3/12/99

Bill No. AB 2

Subject:

(Name) Bob Young

(Street Address or Route Number)

(City & Zip Code)

(Representing) DOT

Speaking In favor:

Speaking against:

Registering In favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

Neither for nor against:

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Date: 3/17/98

Bill No. AB 2

Subject:

(Name) Peg Wheeler

(Street Address or Route Number)

(City & Zip Code)

(Representing) Burlington

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Speaking against:

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Subject:

(Name) Loralee Brumund

(Street Address or Route Number)

(City & Zip Code)

(Representing) DOT/State Patrol

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DOT INFORMATIONAL TESTIMONY @ ASSEMBLY
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE HEARING

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Loralee Brumund / State Patrol

AB 2 / Rep. Schneider:

Authorizes intermittent flashing of high beam headlamps at
oncoming vehicles whose high beam headlamps are lit

- Loralee Brumund from the DOT, Division of State Patrol
- Speaking for *information* on AB 2
- Currently, violations of s.347.12(1)a and (1)b can be cited as "failure to dim lights meeting/following a vehicle"
- Few citations are given by law enforcement agencies annually
 - (1)a: 1996 - 24 1997 - 13 1998 - 16
 - (1)b:* 1996 - 24 1997 - 102 1998 - 51

*(62% to 92% written by Sheriffs' depts.)

State Patrol policies provide for either a warning or citation at
officer's discretion upon review of entire circumstances

- DOT has no particular concerns with the permitted flashing as
stated in s.347.12(a), regarding intermittent flashing of lights at an
approaching vehicle.
- DOT has concerns that permitted flashing lights when a vehicle is
behind another vehicle, as stated in s.347.12(b), may be a
contributor to *road rage* and thus may become a *safety issue*.
Statistics noted above seem to support that concern.
- Laws in bordering states are very similar to Wisconsin's current
law, with different distances noted, but with similar policies for
citing violator with *failure to dim lights*.
 - Iowa - 1000' approaching from the front
400' approaching from the rear
 - Illinois - 500' approaching from the front
300' approaching from the rear
- Note: current law was written for *incandescent* lights; many newer
vehicles now have *halogen* or *xenon* lights which may appear to be
on high beam, but actually are not. Motorists may be flashing at
oncoming motorists who do *not* have high beam light on.

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February 1, 1999

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Representative Jeff Stone, Chairperson
Committee on Highway Safety
State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Jeff:

The following bill has been referred to your Committee:

Assembly Bill 2 – relating to the use of high-beam headlamps on motor vehicles.

I am respectfully requesting that you hold a public hearing on this bill as soon as possible.

I would appreciate your immediate attention to my request. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

MARLIN D. SCHNEIDER
Assistant Democratic Leader

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“Your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays, instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion.” – Edmund Burke Nov. 3, 1774

February 4, 1999

Representative Marlin Schneider
Room 204 North, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702
VIA INTER-D MAIL

Dear Marlin:

Thank you for your letter requesting that a public hearing be held on Assembly Bill 2.

I will keep your request in mind as I prepare for future committee meetings.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Mike Prentiss, the clerk for the Highway Safety Committee.

Sincerely,

Jeff Stone
State Representative
82nd Assembly District

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