

Assembly Bill 37

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CHAPTER 62

AN ACT to amend 84.01 (3) and (17), 84.015, 84.13 (2) and 346.23 of the statutes, relating to remedial changes in the Wisconsin statutes pertaining to the highway commission.

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

SECTION 1. 84.01 (3) and (17) of the statutes are amended to read:

84.01 (3) The commission shall maintain its principal office ~~in the state capitol at Madison, and division district~~ officers at such other cities as the necessities of the work demand.

(17) The commission shall plan, select, lay out, add to, decrease, revise, construct, reconstruct, improve and maintain, or arrange for maintenance by subdivisions of the state or by any other means, the national system of interstate highways, federal aid highway system, system of secondary and feeder roads, federal aid grade crossings projects, federal forest highway systems and projects and other highway and related projects, all within the meaning of the Federal Aid Road Act approved July 11, 1916 (39 Stats. at L. 355, Title 23, USC and all acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and the federal regulations issued under such acts code; and receive all funds provided by any source to match or supplement such federal aid funds, and expend such funds in accordance with the requirements of acts of congress or of this state making such funds available and co-operate with federal authorities and subdivisions of the state in carrying out the provisions of this subsection. ~~The provisions of~~ This subsection shall not limit the other powers of the commission relative to federal aid for highways.

SECTION 2. 84.015 of the statutes is amended to read:

84.015 (1) The state of Wisconsin assents to the provisions of ~~the act of congress, approved July 11, 1916, entitled "An act to provide that the United States shall aid the states in the construction of rural post roads, and for other purposes,"~~ (39 Stats. at L. 355) Title 23, USC and all acts of congress amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto. The state of Wisconsin hereby declares its purpose and intent to give assent to all federal highway acts and to make provisions that will insure receipt by this state of any federal highway aids that ~~heretofore~~ have been or ~~hereafter~~ may be allotted to the state including all increased and advanced

appropriations, and insure that such highways and related facilities in this state as may be eligible to be improved or constructed in accordance with the provisions of any such federal highway acts may be improved, constructed and maintained in accordance therewith. The good faith of the state is hereby pledged to make available funds sufficient as required to adequately carry out such construction and maintenance.

(2) The state highway commission is authorized to ~~may~~ enter into all contracts and agreements with the United States relating to the construction and maintenance of streets and highways and related facilities under the provisions of the Federal Aid Road Act, approved July 11, 1916, Title 23, USC and all acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, to submit such scheme or program of construction and maintenance as may be required by said acts code or rules and regulations of the United States promulgated thereunder and to do all other things necessary fully to carry out the co-operation contemplated and provided for by said acts code.

SECTION 3. 84.13 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

84.13 (2) The state highway commission may enter into and consummate agreements with the United States for the acquisition by the United States and subsequent transfer to this state of such toll bridge in the manner as provided by the Act of Congress approved August 14, 1927, Public Law No. 286, Chapter 626, 75th Congress, first session 5 Stat. 4071, 23 USC 129, as subsequently amended or supplemented from time to time. Any toll bridge so acquired may be later reconstructed under the provisions of this chapter in the same manner as other free bridges may be reconstructed.

SECTION 4. 346.23 of the statutes is amended to read:

346.23 CROSSING CONTROLLED INTERSECTION OR SIDEWALK. (1) At an intersection or crosswalk where traffic is controlled by traffic control signals or by a traffic officer, the operator of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing or who has started to cross the highway on a green or "GO" or "WALK" signal and in all other cases pedestrians shall yield the right of way to vehicles lawfully proceeding directly ahead on a green or "GO" signal. The rules stated in this subsection are modified at intersections or crosswalks on divided highways or highways provided with safety zones in the manner and to the extent stated in sub. (2).

(2) At intersections or crosswalks on divided highways or highways provided with safety zones where traffic is controlled by traffic control signals or by a traffic officer, the operator of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian who is crossing or has started to cross the roadway either from the near curb or shoulder or from the center dividing strip or safety zone with green or "GO" or "WALK" signal in his favor but when the signal turns against the pedestrian before he leaves the center dividing space or safety island, he shall yield the right of way to vehicles lawfully proceeding directly ahead on a green or "GO" signal.

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