



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Senate Bill 158	Senate Amendment 1
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Current law requires a vehicle operator, when approaching an official stop sign at a railroad crossing, to stop the vehicle at least 10 feet but not more than 30 feet from the nearest rail before proceeding through the crossing [s. 346.46 (3), Stats.].

Senate Bill 158 requires the stop to be made at least 15 feet but not more than 50 feet from the nearest rail.

Senate Amendment 1 is a technical amendment (requested by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation) to ensure that the language in s. 346.46 (3), as amended by the bill, conforms with federal law and the Uniform Code of Traffic Devices. Under the amendment, sub. (3), as amended by the bill, reads as follows (new language in amendment in bold and underlined):

346.46 (3) Every operator of a vehicle approaching an official stop sign at a railroad crossing shall, before proceeding on or over such crossing, stop the vehicle **immediately before crossing a clearly marked stop line. If there is no clearly marked stop line, the operator shall stop the vehicle** not less than ~~10~~ 15 nor more than ~~30~~ 50 feet from the nearest rail.

Legislative History

At an executive session on May 22, 2009, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources voted to introduce and adopt Senate Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes 0. The committee then voted to recommend the bill for passage, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0.

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