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## **2009 SENATE BILL 158**

April 8, 2009 – Introduced by Senators Plale, Holperin, Lassa, Taylor and Olsen, cosponsored by Representatives Van Roy, Mursau, Spanbauer, Bies, Brooks, Nerison, Gunderson, Townsend, Molepske Jr., Montgomery and LeMahieu. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 346.46 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** vehicle stops at railroad crossings.

#### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires a vehicle operator, when approaching an official stop sign at a railroad crossing, to stop the vehicle at least ten feet but not more than 30 feet from the nearest rail before proceeding through the crossing.

This bill requires the stop to be made at least 15 feet but not more than 50 feet from the nearest rail.

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

- **Section 1.** 346.46 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 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 not less than 10 15 nor more than 30 50 feet from the nearest rail.

#### Section 2. Initial applicability.

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(1) This act first applies to violations committed on the effective date of this
subsection, but does not preclude the counting of other violations as prior violations
for purposes of sentencing a person.

### SECTION 3. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 4th month beginning after publication.

7 (END)