

# State of Wisconsin



2023 Assembly Bill 869

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## 2023 WISCONSIN ACT 167

AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 347.385 (1m) (b) and 347.385 (1m) (c); *to amend* 347.385 (title), 347.385 (2m), 347.385 (5) (a) and 347.385 (5) (b); and *to create* 347.385 (1m) (d), 347.385 (1m) (e), 347.385 (1m) (g), 347.385 (2r) and 347.385 (6) of the statutes; **relating to:** traffic control signal priority devices for snow removal vehicles.

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

**SECTION 1.** 347.385 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

**347.385** (title) ~~Auxiliary lamps on emergency vehicles; traffic~~ Traffic control signal emergency preemption and priority devices.

**SECTION 2.** 347.385 (1m) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 347.385 (1m) (f) and amended to read:

347.385 (1m) (f) “Emergency Traffic control signal preemption device” means a device, located on or within a traffic control signal, that is designed to receive an electronic, radio, light, or sound transmission from an approaching vehicle that alters the normal sequence of the traffic control signal to provide or maintain a green signal for the vehicle to proceed through the intersection.

**SECTION 3.** 347.385 (1m) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 347.385 (1m) (i) and amended to read:

347.385 (1m) (i) “Transmitter” means a device that emits a signal for the purpose of activating ~~an emergency~~ a traffic control signal preemption device or a traffic control signal priority device.

**SECTION 4.** 347.385 (1m) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

347.385 (1m) (d) “Political subdivision” means a county, city, village, or town.

**SECTION 5.** 347.385 (1m) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

347.385 (1m) (e) “Snow removal vehicle” means any vehicle equipped with a snowplow or anti-icing equipment that is used by a political subdivision for snow removal and is operated by a political subdivision or the agent or lessee of a political subdivision.

**SECTION 6.** 347.385 (1m) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

347.385 (1m) (g) “Traffic control signal priority device” means a device, located on or within a traffic control signal, that is designed to receive an electronic, radio, light, or sound transmission from an approaching vehicle to request that a green signal be provided or maintained for the vehicle to proceed through the intersection.

**SECTION 7.** 347.385 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

347.385 (2m) An authorized emergency vehicle may be equipped and operated with lamps designed and used, or with any other transmitter designed and used, to activate emergency traffic control signal preemption devices.

**SECTION 8.** 347.385 (2r) of the statutes is created to read:

347.385 (2r) A snow removal vehicle equipped with oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights that is actively

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\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication.”

engaged in snow removal activities may be equipped and operated with lamps designed and used, or with any other transmitter designed and used, to activate traffic control signal priority devices.

**SECTION 9.** 347.385 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

347.385 (5) (a) No person may operate upon a highway a motor vehicle, other than an authorized emergency vehicle or snow removal vehicle, that is equipped with a transmitter or in which a transmitter is located. This subsection does not apply to a motor carrier or person in the business of selling transmitters to authorized users who transports a transmitter in original, unopened packaging or in an inoperative condition in an enclosed storage compartment of the vehicle.

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**SECTION 10.** 347.385 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

347.385 (5) (b) No person may sell a transmitter except for use for authorized purposes as described in sub. (2m) or (2r).

**SECTION 11.** 347.385 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

347.385 (6) The authority responsible for maintenance of a traffic control signal may establish procedures for resolving conflicts between multiple requests for signal preemption or priority at a traffic signal, except that a signal preemption request from an authorized emergency vehicle must be given priority over any signal priority request.