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2023 Wisconsin Act 167
[2023 Assembly Bill 869]

**Traffic Control Signal Priority
Devices**

BACKGROUND

State law allows an authorized emergency vehicle¹ to be equipped and operated with a lamp or other transmitter designed and used to alter the normal sequence of a traffic control signal to provide or maintain a green signal for the vehicle to proceed through the intersection (“traffic control signal preemption device”).

2023 WISCONSIN ACT 167

2023 Wisconsin Act 167 allows a snow removal vehicle to be equipped and operated with a lamp or other transmitter designed and used to request that a traffic control signal provide or maintain a green signal for the vehicle to proceed through the intersection (“traffic control signal priority device”).

In order to be so equipped and operated, the snow removal vehicle must be: (1) equipped with a snowplow or anti-icing equipment that is used by a political subdivision² for snow removal; (2) operated by a political subdivision or the agent or lessee of a political subdivision; (3) equipped with oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights; and (4) actively engaged in snow removal activities.

Under Act 167, the authority responsible for maintenance of a traffic control signal may establish procedures for resolving conflicts between multiple requests for signal preemption or signal priority at a traffic signal. A signal preemption request from an authorized emergency vehicle, however, must be given priority over any signal priority request from a snow removal vehicle.

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For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature’s [bill history page](#).

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¹ A police vehicle, a vehicle of a fire department or fire patrol, and certain ambulances.

² A county, city, village, or town.