



State of Wisconsin
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2015 SENATE BILL 26

February 9, 2015 – Introduced by Senators LEMAHIEU, WANGGAARD, FARROW, GUDEx, LASEE, LAZICH, L. TAYLOR, TIFFANY and VUKMIR, cosponsored by Representatives TITTL, AUGUST, BALLWEG, BRANDTJEN, R. BROOKS, CRAIG, CZAJA, GANNON, HORLACHER, HUTTON, JAGLER, JARCHOW, KAPENGA, KERKMAN, KLEEFISCH, KNODL, KNUDSON, KOOYENGA, KUGLITSCH, MILROY, MURSAU, J. OTT, QUINN, RIPP, ROHRKASTE, SKOWRONSKI, THIESFELDT, VORPAGEL and WEATHERSTON. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 346.57 (4) (gm) of the statutes; **relating to:** the maximum
2 speed limit on freeways and expressways.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the maximum speed limit on any freeway or expressway in this state is 65 miles per hour. A “freeway” is defined as any state trunk highway with four or more lanes of traffic separated by a barrier or median (a paved or landscaped strip between opposing traffic) that gives preference to through traffic by limiting access to only interchanges. An “expressway” is also defined as any state trunk highway, but only a state trunk highway that the Department of Transportation (DOT) determines has four or more lanes of traffic separated by a barrier or median that gives preference to through traffic by use of interchanges or by limiting at-grade access to selected public roads and driveways.

This bill increases the maximum speed limit on freeways and expressways from 65 miles per hour to 70 miles per hour. This speed limit of 70 miles per hour does not take effect until DOT posts the limit by official traffic signs.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

- 3 **SECTION 1.** 346.57 (4) (gm) of the statutes is amended to read:

