

**WISCONSIN MOTOR CARRIERS ASSOCIATION  
LEGISLATIVE TRACKING REPORT  
2009-2010**

**ASSEMBLY BILLS INTRODUCED**

Bill No. – Author	Title	Description	Action	Position
17 Staskunas (D)	OWI	Amends provisions for persons convicted of multiple OWI violations relative to interlock ignition devices, vehicle seizures and sale and penalties for tampering with interlock ignition devices.	Amended & passed Public Safety Com – To Rules	Monitor
19 Schneider (D)	Motor Vehicle Radios	Would prohibit businesses from selling and installing a vehicle radio manufactured after 1/1/11 unless it includes a weather radio system. Does not apply to a radio that is original equipment in a new vehicle	To Com on Consumer Protection – amendment offered	Monitor
21 Schneider (D)	Employment Discharge	Would prohibit for hire passenger carriers from discharging a driver on the basis of a single motor vehicle accident	Passed Assembly –To Sen Family & WFD Com	Opposed
31 Sinicki (D)	Employment Discrimination	Allows person who has been discriminated against or the DWD bring an action and recovery damages as a result of the discriminatory act.	Passed Labor Com – To Rules	Oppose
32 Gottlieb (R)	Employer Notification	Would expand the DOT’s employer notification program to allow employers to register drivers of noncommercial motor vehicles as well as CDL drivers	Passed Trans Com – To Rules	Support
75 Joint Finance Committee	Biennial Budget	An Act relating to: state finances and appropriations, constituting the executive budget act of the 2009 legislature.	Enacted 2009 WI <a href="#">Act 28</a>	Monitor
79 Kleefisch (R)	OWI Penalties	Makes commission of three or more drunken driving offenses a felony	To Public Safety Com	Monitor
96 Kaufert (R)	DL Revocation	Would narrow the “first offense” penalty exception offenses for operating after revocation so that it applies only if the person has no convictions in the preceding 5 years	To Public Safety Com	Monitor
156 Bies (R)	OWI	Would change the monetary and imprisonment penalties for OWI offenses.	To Public Safety Com	Monitor
157 Van Roy (R)	RR Crossings	Would increase the distance for stopping from a railroad track from 10 ft but not more than 30 ft. to 15 ft. but not more than 50 ft. (see SB 158)	Passed Trans Com – To Rules	Monitor
177 Grigsby (D)	Drivers License	makes court ordered operating privilege for a fourth offense revocation (OAR0, suspended (OWS), or is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle (OWD) permissive rather than mandatory and eliminates the requirement that DOT administratively revoke a person’s operating privilege for a fourth offense OAR, OWS, or OWD.	Passed Assembly Concurrence recommended by Sen Trans Com	Monitor
178 Grigsby (D)	Drivers License	Would clarify the general requirements for reinstatement of a person’s authorization to operate a commercial motor vehicle. (See SB 134)	Concurrence recommended by Sen Trans Com – passed Joint Finance Com	Monitor
181 Krusick (D)	Penalties	Increases the penalties for operating a motor vehicle after license revocation, suspension or without a valid license.	Amended and passed by Criminal Justice Com - To Rules	Monitor

183 Krusick (D)	Parking Violations - Enforcement	Would allow a municipality to enact an ordinance for immobilization or towing, impoundment and disposal of vehicles owned by habitual parking violators. (See SB 297)	Passed Urban & Local Affairs Com – To Rules	Monitor
230 Hraychuck (D)	Driver Licenses	Requires DOT to make available to DOJ in digital format any photograph taken of a drivers license or ID card applicant.	Passed Assembly – To Sen Trans Com	Monitor
232 Bies (R)	Penalty	Would increase the penalty for scene of an accident causing injury, but not bodily harm to a Class I felony with a fine of \$10,000 and not more than 3 years in prison	To Justice Com – Public hearing held	Monitor
258 Hubler (D)	Oil Filters	Would prohibit the disposal of used oil filters along with materials used to absorb spilled or used oil in landfills	Enacted – 2009 WI Act 86	Oppose
346 Gundrum (R)	OWI Penalties	Would increase penalties to \$350 - \$1,100 along with 5 days – 6 mos. Imprisonment for first offense OWI with a BAC 0.20 or more,	To Public Safety Com – Public hearing held	Monitor
351 Davis (R)	Stopping at an Accident	Expands the responsibilities to stop and report a motor vehicle accident	Passed Criminal Justice Com – To Rules	Monitor
352 Kramer (R)	Stopping for School Buses	Would allow service of a citation for failure to stop for school bus by certified mail to the vehicle owners last-known address	To Trans Com	Monitor
409 Steinbrink (D)	U-Turns	Would remove the general limitations on U-turns at intersections controlled by traffic control signals	Passed Assembly – To Sen Trans Com	Monitor
429 Smith (D)	Wireless Telecommunication	Prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while using wireless telecommunication device unless the device allows a person to listen and talk without holding or touching the device (See SB 306)	To Trans Com Amendment offered	Oppose
455 Steinbrink (D)	Portable Scales	Would require portable weight scales to be tested within 180 days, instead of the current 90 days prior to its use in any weighing operation.	Passed Assembly – To Sen Ag Com	Oppose
517 Krusick (D)	Highway Maps	Prohibits DOT from printing highway service maps during the 2009-11 fiscal biennium	To Trans Com	Monitor
525 Nygren (R)	Financial Responsibility	Does not eliminated provisions of biennial budget but restores liability limits of \$25,000 bodily injury to one person; \$50,000 for more than one person and \$10,000 for property damage.	To Insurance Com	Monitor
544 Black (D)	Wheel Balancing Weights	Would prohibit the installation, sale and distribution of wheel weights that contain lead	To Natural Resources Com Public hearing held	Monitor
547 Krusick (D)	OWI	Makes a number of changes to operating while under the influence of an intoxicant law. Link to bill: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2009/data/AB-547.pdf">http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2009/data/AB-547.pdf</a>	To Justice Com	Monitor
552 Kaufert (R)	Following Snowplows	Would prohibit following a snowplow closer than 75 ft. on a highway having a posted speed limit of 35 mph or less.	To Trans Com	Monitor
581 Lothian (R)	Vehicle Lamps	Would require vehicle lamps be lighted when climatic conditions limit visibility	To Trans Com	Monitor
585 Strachota (R)	Stopping at an Accident	Creates an additional of penalty for hit-and-run accidents. Class H felony if the accident resulted in substantial bodily harm	To Criminal Justice Com	Monitor

## SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED

Bill No. – Author	Title	Description	Action	Position
Joint Res. 45 Hansen (D)	U.S. Hwy. 41	Calls on the WI Congressional delegation to take action to grandfather preexisting highway weight limits upon the designation of USH 41 as part of the interstate system	Passed Senate – To Assembly Rules Com	Support
11 Hansen (D)	Paid Leave	Would require all employers to employees who are veterans paid leave of absence for the entire workday on Veteran's Day.	To Labor Com Public hearing held	Oppose
20 Hansen (D)	Employment Discrimination	Allows person who has been discriminated against or the DWD bring an action and recovery damages as a result of the discriminatory act. (Companion bill to AB 31)	Enacted 2009 WI <a href="#">Act 20</a>	Oppose
23 Harsdorf (R)	Political Contributions	Prohibits incumbent partisan elected officials from accepting contributions during biennial budget deliberations.	To Ethics Reform Com	Support
29 Risser (D)	Passing Parked Motor Vehicles	Eliminates the provisions of bicyclists to use due care when passing a parked vehicle and in turn prohibits any person from opening any door of a motor vehicle located on a highway without first taking due precaution that the act will not interfere with the movement of traffic or endanger any other person or vehicle	Enacted 2009 WI <a href="#">Act 22</a>	Oppose
32 Kedzie (R)	OWI	Lowers the prohibited blood alcohol content for a person with one or more OWI-related offenses to 0.02.	To Judiciary Com	Support
33 Kedzie (R)	OWI	Prohibits a person whose operating privilege has been suspended or revoked as a result of an OWI conviction from purchasing or leasing a motor vehicle during the period of revocation or suspension.	To Judiciary Com	Support
36 Taylor (D)	Drug Violations	Provides that, DOT may, but is not required to suspend operating privileges if the person is convicted in another state for an offense, if committed in this state, would be a drug violation	Enacted 2009 WI <a href="#">Act 8</a>	Monitor
62 Joint Finance Committee	Budget Adjustment	An Act relating to: state finances and appropriations and making diverse other changes in the statutes. (Stimulus Package)	Enacted 2009 WI <a href="#">Act 2</a>	Monitor
103 Lasee (R)	Text Messaging	Would prohibit electronic text messaging while operating a motor vehicle except to report an emergency.	Passed Assembly Trans Com - To Rules	Monitor
133 Taylor (D)	Driver License	Would make court-ordered operating privilege for a fourth offense permissive rather than mandatory	Passed Trans Com	Monitor
134 Taylor (D)	Driver License	Would clarify the general requirements for reinstatement of a person's authorization to operate a commercial motor vehicle.	Passed Joint Finance Com	Monitor
138 Harsdorf (R)	Tax Credit	Creates an income and franchise tax credit for hybrid vehicles or vehicle capable of using at least an 85% blend of ethanol-gasoline.	To Revenue Com	Monitor

158 Plaie (D)	RR Crossings	Would increase the distance for stopping from a railroad track from 10 ft but not more than 30 ft. to 15 ft. but not more than 50 ft. (see AB 134)	Enacted 2009 WI <a href="#">Act 65</a>	Monitor
159 Taylor (D)	REAL ID Act	Restricts DOT from adopting provisions the Federal ID Act unless certain requirements are met	To Trans Com – Public hearing held	Monitor
181 Risser (D)	Smoking Ban	Would essentially ban smoking statewide in indoor places, with exceptions for private residences and a limited number of rooms in lodging establishments	Enacted 2009 WI <a href="#">Act 12</a>	Monitor
186 Harsdorf	Oil Filters	Would prohibit the disposal of used oil filters along with materials used to absorb spilled or used oil in landfills (See companion Bill AB-258)	To Environment Com	Oppose
252 Erpenbach (D)	Stopping at an Accident	Expands the responsibilities to stop and report a motor vehicle accident (See AB 351)	Enacted 2009 WI <a href="#">Act 62</a>	Monitor
289 Carpenter (D)	Motor Vehicle Insurance	Would prohibit an insurer when setting premium rates, from using the zip code of residence of the insured.	To Judiciary Com	Monitor
297 Carperter (D)	Parking Violations – Enforcement	Would allow a municipality to enact an ordinance for immobilization or towing, impoundment and disposal of vehicles owned by habitual parking violators. (see AB 183)	To Trans Com – Public hearing held	Monitor
306 Taylor (D)	Wireless Telecommuni- cation	Prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while using wireless telecommunication device unless the device allows a person to listen and talk without holding or touching the device (See AB 429)	To Trans Com – Public hearing held	Oppose
363 Grothman (R)	Stopping at the scene of an accident	Would create and additional penalty for hit and run accidents	To Judiciary Com	Monitor
364 Coggs (D)	Wheel Balancing Weights	Would prohibit the installation, sale and distribution of wheel weights that contain lead (See AB 544)	To Environment Com	Monitor
374 Grothman (R)	CDL Exception	Creates an a CDL licensing exception for law enforcement officer operating authorized emergency vehicles	To Trans Com	Monitor
382 Lehman (D)	Vehicle Lamps	Would require vehicle lights on during periods when climatic conditions limit visibility	To Trans Com	Monitor

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If you would like copies of any of the aforementioned bills or Wisconsin Acts, please contact Tom Howells at the association office, (608) 833-8200. Comments on any these legislative proposals are both welcomed and encouraged.