

RESOLUTION NO.: 93—2023-24

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MAJORITY

1 Unfortunately, there are thousands of crashes in road work zones every construction
2 season. Law Enforcement officials should be provided with the tools to properly
3 investigate a work zone accident and access the most accurate information. The men and
4 women who make their livings in road construction and spend their days in work zones
5 also deserve to work in the safest environment possible so they can go home each night to
6 their families.

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8 There is pending legislation that would allow a political subdivision to install and
9 maintain cameras in highway work zones for the sole purpose of capturing video or
10 photographic evidence involving traffic accidents and other violations of the law.
11 Evidence captured by a camera authorized under the proposed legislation may be
12 accessed only by a law enforcement agency and only if a police report is filed in
13 connection with a traffic accident or other violation. Evidence captured by a camera
14 authorized under the proposed legislation may not otherwise be used to determine
15 compliance with any state law or local ordinance.

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17 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Highway, Recycling and Solid Waste
18 Committee and Public Safety Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.

19 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does support pending
20 legislation that would allow a political subdivision to install and maintain cameras where persons are
21 engaged in work in a highway maintenance or construction area for the purpose of capturing video or
22 photographic evidence of traffic accidents and other violations of the law, and said video and
23 photographic evidence may only be accessed by a law enforcement agency and only if a police report is
24 filed in connection with a traffic accident or other violation of the law that occurred in the highway
25 maintenance or construction area where the camera is installed, and

1 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy
2 of this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association, the State Senators and State Representatives
3 representing Outagamie County, and the Governor of the State of Wisconsin.

4 Dated this ____ day of January 2024

5 Respectfully Submitted,
6 HIGHWAY, RECYCLING AND SOLID
7 WASTE COMMITTEE AND
8 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
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37 Board Chairperson County Clerk

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43 County Executive
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State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 651

November 8, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives NOVAK, ARMSTRONG, DITTRICH, GUNDRUM, KITCHENS and JACOBSON, cosponsored by Senators TOMCZYK, BALLWEG and SPREITZER. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

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2 highway work zones.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill authorizes a county, city, town, or village to install and maintain cameras in highway work zones for the purpose of capturing video or photographic evidence of traffic accidents and other violations of the law. Evidence captured by a camera authorized under the bill may be accessed only by a law enforcement agency and only if a police report is filed in connection with a traffic accident or other violation. Evidence captured by a camera authorized under the bill may not otherwise be used to determine compliance with any state law or local ordinance.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 349.238 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **349.238 Authority to install cameras in work zones.** (1) A political
5 subdivision may install and maintain cameras where persons are engaged in work
6 in a highway maintenance or construction area for the purpose of capturing video or
7 photographic evidence of traffic accidents and other violations of the law.



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2023 SENATE BILL 614

November 7, 2023 - Introduced by Senators TOMCZYK, BALLWEG and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Representatives NOVAK, ARMSTRONG, DITTRICH, GUNDRUM, KITCHENS and JACOBSON. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Local Government.

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SENATE BILL 614

SECTION 1

1 (2) Video and photographic evidence captured by a camera authorized under
2 this section may be accessed only by a law enforcement agency, as defined in s. 165.83
3 (1) (b), and only if a police report is filed in connection with a traffic accident or other
4 violation of the law that occurred in the highway maintenance or construction area
5 where the camera is installed.

6 (3) Except as provided in sub. (2), no state or local authority may use video or
7 photographic evidence captured by a camera authorized under this section to
8 determine compliance with the laws of this state or local ordinances.

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(END)