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Rep. Rob Brooks Supports Speed Limit Increase

Madison, WI—Representative Robert Brooks (R-Saukville) voted in favor of legislation that increases the speed limit to seventy miles per hour on designated Wisconsin highways.

“This bill puts safety first by giving the Wisconsin Department of Transportation the authority to raise the speed limit only on roads where it is appropriate to do so,” Brooks said.

Assembly Bill 27 returns Wisconsin to its traditional speed limit of seventy miles per hour on rural highways. Seventy miles per hour was law in Wisconsin until 1973 when the federal government forced states to lower the speed limit due to the fuel shortages and oil crisis. After the federal regulations were lifted in 1995, states were free to alter their speed regulations. At this writing, Wisconsin is the lone Midwestern state with sixty-five miles per hour as the posted speed limit.

“With individuals choosing to live further from their jobs, this bill will get them home a little sooner and just as safely,” said Representative Rob Brooks.

Neighboring states, chiefly Illinois, Indiana and Iowa, witnessed a decline in traffic fatalities after their states increased the speed limit. Traffic safety experts report that increased speed limits reduced the number of accidents by decreasing drivers’ variance in speed.

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