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## Van Roy's Safe Intersections Act Gets the Green Light

**MADISON** – Assembly Bill 365, also known as the Safe Intersections Act, was signed into law in Milwaukee today according to Rep. Karl Van Roy (R-Howard) who authored the bill. Van Roy said he introduced AB 365 in order to rein in the illegal sale and possession of an electric device that allows civilian drivers to change a traffic light from red to green with the flip of a switch.

“These devices, commonly known as Mobile Infrared Transmitters or MIRTS, were intended for use by police, fire, and emergency services personnel to improve public safety,” said Van Roy. “They were not intended for civilian use, and when used by civilians they can seriously harm public safety.”

MIRTS have become increasingly available through internet sales of the devices. Wisconsin public safety experts have grown steadily concerned that civilians will buy and use MIRTS, causing traffic jams and accidents at intersections across the state. Van Roy said he worked with several Brown County public safety experts in drafting the legislation. Additionally, AB 365 is has been endorsed by virtually every public safety group in the state, including:

- The Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association
- The Wisconsin State Firefighters Association
- The Wisconsin EMS Association
- The Wisconsin Sheriff's & Deputy Sheriff's Association
- The Department of Transportation

“It would chaos on our streets if everyone who was running late to work or was just too impatient to wait had the power to change the signals,” said Van Roy. “By making AB 365 law, we are giving law enforcement the tools they need to keep us safe.”

The Safe Intersections Act provides that any person who is convicted of unlawful possession or illegally purchasing or selling a transmitter could be fined up to \$10,000, serve up to 1 year in prison, or both.

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