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VAN ROY SAFE INTERSECTIONS ACT PASSES

Van Roy says that his bill to improve public safety has the unanimous support of the full Assembly

Assembly Bill 365, a bill dubbed “The Safe Intersections Act” has passed the Assembly on a voice vote according to State Representative Karl Van Roy (R-Howard). Van Roy says he introduced the Safe Intersections Act to help prevent the unauthorized sale and possession of an electronic device that gives civilian drivers the ability to change a traffic light from red to green at 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 to harm public safety.”

In recent months, public safety experts in Wisconsin have grown increasingly concerned over how readily available the MIRT devices have become through internet sales. Rep. Van Roy says that he worked with several Brown County public safety professionals in drafting this legislation.

The Safe Intersections Act had 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

“My Safe Intersections Act will institute new rules and penalties to help law enforcement rein in the illegal sale and possession of this technology that has the potential to cause traffic jams and accidents at thousands of intersections in Wisconsin,” said Van Roy.

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. The bill must still pass the State Senate and be signed by the Governor before becoming law.

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