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State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 BILL

1	AN ACT to create 349.238 of the statutes; relating to: authorizing cameras in
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. 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. 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:

Section 1. 349.238 of the statutes is created to read:

349.238 Authority to install cameras in work zones. (1) A political subdivision may install and maintain cameras where persons are engaged in work in a highway maintenance or construction area for the purpose of capturing video or photographic evidence of traffic accidents.

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BILL SECTION 1

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

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

9 (END)