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Adopt-a-Highway Bill Passes State Assembly

MADISON – Today, the State Assembly unanimously passed Assembly Bill 151, the “Adopt-a-Highway” bill, coauthored by Representative Jodi Emerson (D- Eau Claire). The bill provides new protections for the volunteers who keep our state highways clean and beautiful.

Under current law, the amount of any applicable fine or forfeiture is doubled for traffic violations committed where persons working in a highway maintenance or construction area are at risk from traffic. Assembly Bill 151 expands the definition of “highway maintenance or construction area” to include those who are cleaning up trash and the areas adjacent to the road. The bill was authored in response to a tragic accident in November of 2017, when three members of Girl Scout Troop 3055 and one adult were hit by a vehicle and killed while volunteering to clean up a highway near Eau Claire.

“Every year, volunteers across Wisconsin devote their time and efforts to make sure that Wisconsin’s highways are kept clean for us all to enjoy. They deserve to be safe while they perform this vital community service. I am grateful to my fellow legislators on both sides of the aisle for joining me in support of this important legislation,” said Rep. Emerson.

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