
Transportation Committee

HB 3058

Brief Description: Permitting public transit vehicle stops at unmarked stop zones under certain circumstances.

Sponsors: Representatives Takko, Armstrong, Clibborn, Williams and Roberts.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows public transit drivers outside of cities and towns to stop their vehicles at any location in order to receive or discharge passengers, so long as it is done safely and the vehicle stops as far to the right side of the roadway as is practicable.

Hearing Date: 1/29/08

Staff: David Munnecke (786-7315).

Background:

With limited exceptions, drivers are not allowed to stop or park a vehicle on the roadway outside of incorporated cities or towns. In addition to drivers of disabled vehicles and solid waste and recycling collection vehicles, drivers of public transit vehicles are exempt from this restriction if temporarily stopping the vehicle to receive or discharge passengers at a marked transit vehicle stop zone.

Summary of Bill:

Outside of incorporated cities and towns, drivers of public transit vehicles may stop their vehicles at any location in order to receive or discharge passengers, as long as the driver meets certain safety related requirements while doing so. The requirements are: (1) that the driver may stop only under circumstances consistent with the driver's duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all users of the roadway; and (2) the driver must stop the vehicle as far to the right side of the roadway as is practicable.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.