



## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 273

March 30, 2001 - Introduced by Representatives AINSWORTH, BERCEAU, BLACK, BOCK, HOVEN, JESKEWITZ, KAUFERT, F. LASEE, MONTGOMERY, OWENS, RHOADES, TOWNSEND and URBAN, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, DARLING and HUELSMAN. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 348.10 (2); and *to create* 348.10 (2) (b) and  
2           (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** transporting loads on a highway in vehicles  
3           equipped with dump bodies and providing a penalty.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, no person may operate a vehicle on a highway unless the vehicle is so constructed and loaded as to prevent its contents from dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping from the vehicle. A forfeiture of not less than \$10 nor more than \$200 may be imposed for violating this provision.

This bill specifies that any vehicle that is equipped with a dump body and that is carrying any load extending above the top of the dump body must be covered when being operated on a highway to prevent the load from dropping or sifting from the vehicle. This requirement does not apply to a vehicle temporarily operated on a highway between fields or between a farm and a field. Failure to comply with this provision may result in a forfeiture of not less than \$10 nor more than \$200.

The bill specifies that both of these provisions do not apply to a vehicle that is applying bulk material to a highway for highway construction or maintenance.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

4           **SECTION 1.** 348.10 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 348.10 (2) (a) and amended  
5           to read:

