



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 483

January 24, 2012 – Introduced by Representatives BIES, HULSEY, A. OTT, THIESFELDT and JORGENSEN. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to create** 100.277 of the statutes; **relating to:** prohibiting the sale or use
2 of lead wheel weights in connection with the installation or balancing of motor
3 vehicle tires.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill generally prohibits the use of lead wheel weights in connection with the installation or balancing of motor vehicle tires, but the provisions of the bill are phased in over a period of approximately 18 months. The bill defines a “lead wheel weight” as any weight or other wheel balancing product that is designed to be attached to a motor vehicle wheel for the purpose of balancing the motor vehicle’s tires and that contains lead that was intentionally added during the manufacture of the weight or other product.

Under the bill:

1. Beginning approximately six months after the bill’s enactment, no person in the business of selling, installing, or balancing motor vehicle tires may purchase any lead wheel weight from a supplier of lead wheel weights.
2. Also beginning approximately six months after the bill’s enactment, no person may sell or distribute any lead wheel weight to a person in the business of selling, installing, or balancing motor vehicle tires.
3. Beginning approximately 18 months after the bill’s enactment, no person in the business of selling, installing, or balancing motor vehicle tires may sell any lead

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wheel weight or use any lead wheel weight in connection with the installation or balancing of motor vehicle tires.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 100.277 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **100.277 Lead wheel weights. (1)** In this section:

3 (a) "Lead wheel weight" means any weight or other wheel balancing product
4 that is designed to be attached to a motor vehicle wheel for the purpose of balancing
5 the motor vehicle's tires and that contains lead that was intentionally added during
6 the manufacture of the weight or other product.

7 (b) "Motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle required to be registered under ch.
8 341.

9 **(2)** Beginning on the first day of the 7th month beginning after the effective
10 date of this subsection [LRB inserts date], no person in the business of selling,
11 installing, or balancing motor vehicle tires may purchase any lead wheel weight from
12 a supplier of lead wheel weights.

13 **(3)** Beginning on the first day of the 7th month beginning after the effective
14 date of this subsection [LRB inserts date], no person may sell or distribute any
15 lead wheel weight to a person in the business of selling, installing, or balancing motor
16 vehicle tires.

17 **(4)** Beginning on the first day of the 19th month beginning after the effective
18 date of this subsection [LRB inserts date], no person in the business of selling,
19 installing, or balancing motor vehicle tires may sell any lead wheel weight or use any

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1 lead wheel weight in connection with the installation or balancing of motor vehicle
2 tires.

3 (END)