

**1981 Senate Bill 210**

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**CHAPTER 176 , Laws of 1981**

**AN ACT to repeal 348.07 (2) (a); and to amend 347.20 (title), (1) and (2) and 348.07 (1) and (2) (b) of the statutes, relating to increasing the maximum length of vehicles and providing a penalty.**

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

SECTION 1. 347.20 (title), (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

**347.20 (title) Lamp or flag on projecting load or fixture.** (1) No person shall operate on a highway during hours of darkness any vehicle with a load or fixture thereon extending more than 4 feet beyond the rear of the bed or body thereof unless there is displayed at the extreme rear end of the load or fixture a red light or lantern plainly visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the sides and rear. The red light or lantern shall be in addition to any tail lamp or clearance lamp which the vehicle is required to carry.

(2) No person shall operate on a highway, at times other than hours of darkness, any vehicle with a load or fixture thereon extending more than 4 feet beyond the rear of the bed or body thereof unless there is displayed at the extreme rear end of such load or fixture a red flag or cloth not less than 12 inches square and so hung that the entire area is visible to the operator of a vehicle approaching from the rear.

SECTION 2. 348.07 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.07 (1) No person, without a permit therefor, may operate on a highway any single vehicle with an overall length in excess of ~~35~~ 40 feet or any combination of 2 vehicles with an overall length in excess of 55 feet, except as otherwise provided in subs. (2) and (2a).

SECTION 3. 348.07 (2) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 348.07 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.07 (2) (b) ~~40 feet for~~ For trolley busses, ~~or such greater length greater than 40 feet as has been expressly authorized by the department with the consent of the municipality in which such trolley bus is operated;~~

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