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### CHAPTER 260.

AN ACT to amend 85.06 (2) (a) and 85.67 (1) of the statutes, relating to brakes and lights on power-driven cycles and providing penalties.  
*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 85.06 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.06 (2) (a) Every motor vehicle in use on the public highways except motor driven cycles shall be equipped with at least 2 headlights in good working order. Such headlights shall display a white light of sufficient illuminating power under normal atmospheric conditions to reveal any persons, vehicles, or substantial objects 200 feet ahead of the headlights. \* \* \* *Power-driven cycles and motor bicycles shall be equipped with \* \* \* one \* \* \* electric headlight, \* \* \* a tail light and a current source. The headlight shall illuminate an object 50 feet ahead of the vehicle; the lens shall be of the diffusing type; the bulb or \* \* \* light shall be of the pre-focused type, or shall permit of ready focusing; the headlight shall be so designed and attached to the machine that the height of the beam from the road may be readily adjusted. \* \* \* The tail light, when illuminated, must be visible on a dark, clear night for a minimum of 500 feet from the rear. \* \* \* The current source shall be one of 3 types: by means of a wet battery and current generating source; or by means of a generator connected to motor direct, or by gears, friction wheel, chain or belt; or, by means of a \* \* \* lighting coil incorporated into the magneto.*

SECTION 2. 85.67 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.67 (1) Every motor vehicle, when operated \* \* \* on a highway, shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and to hold such vehicle, including 2 separate means of applying the brakes, each of which means shall be effective to apply the brakes to at least 2 wheels, except that a motor driven cycle need be equipped with only one brake. All such brakes shall be maintained in good working order. \* \* \* *Motor vehicles, except power-driven cycles, shall be considered efficient if the vehicle can be stopped under normal conditions within 50 feet when traveling at a rate of speed of 20 miles per hour. A power-driven cycle, with a 150 pound rider, traveling 20 miles per hour on a level, dry, hard surface free from loose material, with no wind, must be capable of being brought to a complete stop in 35 feet.* A power-driven cycle shall be equipped with an inclosed brake of sound design, with the disc or brake drum directly connected to or integral with the rear wheel; with internal-expanding brake shoes or engaging discs. The brake shall be operated by a foot pedal or hand control, which shall be connected to the brake by means of \* \* \* suitable

brake \* \* \* *rods or cable adequate to stop the vehicle. The design shall permit*  
simple and easy adjustment to compensate for wear. \* \* \* *If brake control is hand*  
*operated there shall be no other controls linked to it.*

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