

CHAPTER 422.

AN ACT to amend 85.91 (1); and to create 85.175, 85.176 and 85.177 of the statutes, relating to required signals for turning or stopping motor vehicles, and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. 85.175, 85.176 and 85.177 of the statutes are created to read:

85.175 TURNING MOVEMENTS AND REQUIRED SIGNALS. (1) No person shall turn a vehicle at an intersection unless the vehicle is in proper position upon the roadway as required in section 85.17, or turn a vehicle to enter a private road or driveway or otherwise turn a vehicle from a direct course or move right or left upon a roadway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety. No person shall so turn any vehicle without giving an appropriate signal in the manner hereinafter provided in the event any other traffic may be affected by such movement.

(2) A signal of intention to turn right or left when required shall be given continuously during not less than the last 100 feet traveled by the vehicle before turning.

(3) No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of a vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided in sections 85.176 and 85.177 to the driver of any vehicle immediately to the rear when there is opportunity to give such signal.

85.176 SIGNALS BY HAND AND ARM OR SIGNAL DEVICE. Any stop or turn signal when required herein shall be given either by means of the hand and arm or by a signal lamp or lamps or mechanical signal device of a type approved by the department, but when a vehicle is so constructed or loaded that a hand-and-arm signal would not be visible both to the front and rear of such vehicle then said signals must be given by such a lamp or lamps or signal device.

85.177 METHOD OF GIVING HAND-AND-ARM SIGNALS. All signals herein required given by hand and arm shall be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner and such signals shall indicate as follows:

(1) Left turn.—Hand and arm extended horizontally.

(2) Right turn.—Hand and arm extended upward.

(3) Stop or decrease speed.—Hand and arm extended downward.

SECTION 2. 85.91 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.91 (1) Any person violating any provision of sections 85.11, 85.12 (2), (3), (4) and (6), 85.15 (4), 85.16 (1), (2) and (8), 85.17 (1), (2), (4) and (5), 85.175, 85.176, 85.177, 85.18 (1), (4) to (6) and (8) to (11), 85.19 (2), (3) and (4), 85.21 to 85.23, 85.25 to 85.28, 85.31, 85.33, 85.34 (1) and (2), 85.35, 85.39 (1) and (2), 85.44, 85.50, 85.61, 85.63 to 85.66, 85.67 (2) to (6) and 85.69 shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$10 for the first offense and for the second or each subsequent conviction within one year thereafter, by a fine not to exceed \$25.

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