

**CHAPTER 524.**

AN ACT to amend 85.14 (1) of the statutes, relating to prohibited signs and signals near highways and imposing a penalty.

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

85.14 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.14 (1) It \* \* \* is unlawful for any person to place or maintain or display upon or in view of any highway or stream or electric railway crossing any *unauthorized* sign, \* \* \* light or reflector \* \* \*, signal, *marking*, or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles or may be mistaken as an official traffic \* \* \* control device or railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic or which hides from view *or by its color, location, brilliance, or manner of operation interferes with the effectiveness of any official \* \* \* traffic control device or any railroad sign or signal, and no person shall place or maintain nor shall any public authority permit upon any highway any traffic control device bearing thereon any advertising,* excepting that a federal yellow flag, 24 inches by 24 inches, bearing either the words "Safety Patrol" or "School", attached to a light weight pole 8 feet or less in length, may be used by members of school safety patrols standing adjacent to but off the highway to warn traffic that children are about to cross the street. Every such prohibited sign, signal, *marking* or device is declared to be a public nuisance and any police or traffic officer *and the authority in charge of the maintenance of the highway* is empowered to remove the same, or cause the same to be removed, \* \* \* *at the expense of the owner, occupant or person maintaining the nuisance, to be collected in the manner provided in section 146.14 (5), if not removed by said person within 30 days after notice in writing from said authority, or if found to be in operation at any time after such notice.*

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