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CHAPTER 455

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 85.16 (12) of the statutes, relating to stopping of vehicles for school busses unloading pupils.

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

SECTION 1. 85.16 (12) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

85.16 (12) STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUSES LOADING OR UNLOADING PUPILS. (a) The driver of a vehicle upon a street or highway, upon meeting or overtaking from the front or rear any school bus which has stopped on the street or highway for the purpose of loading or unloading any school child or children, shall stop the vehicle immediately upon the display of flashing red signals by the school bus driver and shall remain stopped until the school bus driver extinguishes the flashing red signals. The driver of a school bus shall not use the flashing red signals in the built-up areas of cities, villages or towns where passengers are to be loaded or unloaded from a curb or sidewalk or in special bus loading areas. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to vehicles proceeding in the opposite direction of a school bus on the opposite side of a divided highway.

(b) Every school bus shall be equipped with flashing red signals of a type, and actuated in a manner, approved by the state superintendent and the commissioner of motor vehicles. When such a vehicle is being used upon a public highway for purposes other than the actual transportation of children as provided in ss. 40.53 to 40.57, the flashing red signals shall not be used and all markings thereon indicating it is a school bus shall be removed or concealed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect September 1, 1955.

Approved July 21, 1955.