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CHAPTER 615

AN ACT to amend 346.37 (1) (a) 1, as created by chapter 260, laws of 1957 (Bill No. 99, S.); and to create 340.01 (64), 346.02 (3), 346.19 (1a), 346.83 to 346.86, 347.02 (1) (g) and 348.02 (5) of the statutes, relating to the operation of streetcars and the operation of other vehicles in the presence of streetcars, and providing penalties.

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

SECTION 1. 340.01 (64) of the statutes is created to read:

340.01 (64) "Streetcar" means a vehicle traveling exclusively on rails, propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley structures and operated principally within a municipality or adjacent municipalities.

SECTION 2. 346.02 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

346.02 (3) **APPLICABILITY TO STREETCARS.** Every operator of a streetcar on a roadway is granted all the rights and is subject to all the duties which this chapter grants or applies to the operator of a vehicle, except those provisions relating to turning movements and such other provisions of this chapter which by their very nature would have no application.

SECTION 3. 346.19 (1a) of the statutes is created to read:

346.19 (1a) Upon the approach of any authorized emergency vehicle giving audible signal by siren the operator of every streetcar shall immediately stop such streetcar clear of any intersection and keep it in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, unless otherwise directed by a traffic officer.

SECTION 4. 346.37 (1) (a) 1 of the statutes, as created by chapter 260, laws of 1957 (Bill No. 99, S.), is amended to read:

346.37 (1) (a) 1. Vehicular traffic facing a green or "Go" signal, *except when prohibited under s. 346.84 (1)*, may proceed straight through

or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits either such turn, but vehicular traffic shall yield the right of way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited.

SECTION 5. 346.83 to 346.86 of the statutes are created to read:

DRIVING IN PRESENCE OF STREETCARS

346.83 PASSING STREETCAR ON LEFT. (1) The operator of a vehicle shall not overtake and pass upon the left or drive upon the left side of any streetcar proceeding in the same direction, whether such streetcar is actually in motion or temporarily at rest, except upon a one-way highway or when so directed by a traffic officer.

(2) Except when otherwise directed by a traffic officer or official traffic signal, the operator of a vehicle on a one-way highway may pass on the left any streetcar stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers but shall reduce speed to not more than 15 miles per hour and may proceed only upon exercising due caution for the safety of pedestrians and shall yield the right of way to pedestrians when required to do so by other sections of this chapter.

346.84 PASSING STREETCAR ON RIGHT; PASSING STREETCAR OR BUS AT SAFETY ZONE. (1) The operator of a vehicle overtaking on the right any streetcar stopped at a place other than a safety zone for the purpose of receiving or discharging any passenger shall stop such vehicle to the rear of the nearest door of the streetcar and shall remain stationary until all passengers have boarded such streetcar or have reached the adjacent sidewalk.

(2) The operator of a vehicle overtaking on the right any bus or streetcar stopped at a safety zone for the purpose of receiving or discharging any passenger need not stop such vehicle before passing the bus or streetcar but may proceed past such bus or streetcar at a speed which is reasonable and proper and in no event greater than 15 miles per hour and with due regard for the safety of pedestrians.

346.85 DRIVING ON STREETCAR TRACKS. (1) The operator of any vehicle proceeding upon a streetcar track in front of a streetcar upon a highway shall remove such vehicle from the track as soon as practicable after signal from the operator of the streetcar.

(2) When a streetcar has lawfully entered and is crossing an intersection, no operator of a vehicle shall drive upon or across the car tracks within the intersection in front of the streetcar when there is hazard of a collision.

346.86 PENALTY FOR VIOLATING SECTIONS 346.83 TO 346.85.

(1) Any person violating any provision of s. 346.83 (2) or 346.85 may be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$20 for the first offense and not less than \$25 nor more than \$50 for the second or subsequent conviction within a year.

(2) Any person violating any provision of s. 346.83 (1) or 346.84 may be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$200 or imprisoned not more than 30 days or both.

SECTION 6. 347.02 (1) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

347.02 (1) (g) Streetcars.

SECTION 7. 348.02 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

348.02 (5) This chapter does not apply to streetcars.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1957, or on the day after publication, whichever occurs later. This act expires on February 1, 1959. The revisor of statutes need not print the provisions of this act in the 1957 statutes.

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