

1979 Assembly Bill 612

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CHAPTER 163, Laws of 1979

AN ACT to amend 347.35 (2), 347.42 and 347.486 of the statutes, relating to equipment standards for motor-driven cycles and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. 347.35 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

347.35 (2) (title) MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES. No person shall may operate a ~~motor driven~~ motor-driven cycle upon a highway unless ~~such motor-driven~~ the motor-driven cycle is equipped with at least one brake capable of meeting the performance specifications set forth in s. 347.36. ~~Such~~ The brake may be designed to be operated either by hand or by foot. The brake on a power driven cycle shall be ~~an enclosed~~ a brake of sound design with the disc or brake drum directly connected or integral with the rear wheel and with internal-expanding brake shoes or engaging discs. The design shall permit simple and easy adjustment to compensate for wear. If the brake control is hand-operated, there shall be no other controls linked to it.

SECTION 2. 347.42 of the statutes is amended to read:

347.42 Windshield wipers. No person shall may operate on a highway any motor vehicle equipped with a windshield, ~~except a motor-driven cycle,~~ unless ~~such~~ the motor vehicle also is equipped with a device for cleaning rain, snow or other moisture from the windshield. ~~Such~~ The device shall be so constructed as to be controlled or operated by the operator of the vehicle and shall at all times be maintained in good working order.

SECTION 3. 347.486 of the statutes is amended to read:

347.486 General requirements. (1) ~~It is illegal to~~ No person may operate a motor-driven cycle ~~where if~~ the handgrips of the handlebars rise more than ~~45~~ 30 inches above the lowest point of the top of the driver's seat when the seat is occupied.

(2) ~~It is illegal to~~ No person may operate a motor-driven cycle with an improvised, defective or repaired handlebar.

(3) ~~It is illegal to~~ No person may operate a motor-driven cycle without a functioning muffler.
