CHAPTER 159 972

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AN ACT to amend 194.32; and to create 340.01 (2m) and 348.07 (2) (h) of the statutes, relating to articulated busses.

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

SECTION 1. 194.32 of the statutes is amended to read:

194.32 Busses, restrictions. No common motor carrier of passengers shall operate any passenger-carrying bus over any public highway of this state with any trailer or semitrailer attached. No except for an articulated bus as defined in s. 340.01 (2m). Except for an articulated bus as defined in s. 340.01 (2m) which may be 65 feet in length, no interurban motor bus which exceeds 40 feet in length or 8 feet 6 inches in width or is double-decked shall be operated upon the public highways under the authority of a common carrier permit. As used in this section an interurban motor bus is deemed "double-decked" when passengers are carried therein on an upper level throughout the length of the bus over passengers on a lower level throughout the length of the bus.

SECTION 2. 340.01 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

340.01 (2m) "Articulated bus" means a bus constructed in 2 sections and supported by 3 or more axles with the sections of the vehicle hinged in the horizontal plane and so designed that passengers may move freely from either section to the other.

SECTION 3. 348.07 (2) (h) of the statutes is created to read:

348.07 (2) (h) 65 feet for articulated busses operated in urban areas.