

1983 Assembly Bill 71

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1983 Wisconsin Act 124

AN ACT to renumber and amend 347.24 (1); to amend 340.01 (24); and to create 347.24 (1) (b) and 347.35 (5) of the statutes, relating to implements of husbandry, creating penalties and granting rule-making authority.

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

SECTION 1. 340.01 (24) of the statutes is amended to read:

340.01 (24) "Implement of husbandry" means a vehicle or piece of equipment or machinery designed for agricultural purposes, used exclusively in the conduct of agricultural operations and used principally off the highway, or a trailer-mounted bulk liquid fertilizer container.

SECTION 2. 347.24 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 347.24 (1) (a) and amended to read:

347.24 (1) (a) ~~No~~ Except as provided in par. (b), no person may operate on a highway during hours of darkness any implement of husbandry or any other vehicle not specifically required by law to be equipped with lamps or other lighting devices unless such implement or vehicle is equipped with at least ~~one~~ 2 lighted ~~lamp lamps~~ or ~~lantern lanterns~~ exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet ahead and a 2 lighted ~~lamp lamps~~ or ~~lantern lanterns~~ exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear or, as an alternative to the red ~~lamp lamps~~ or ~~lantern lanterns~~, 2 red reflectors mounted as specified in s. 347.18 and meeting the visibility requirements of s. 347.19 may be displayed on the rear of such vehicle or implement of husbandry.

SECTION 2m. 347.24 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

347.24 (1) (b) Any implement of husbandry or any other vehicle not specifically required by law to be equipped with lamps or other lighting device and which was manufactured on or before January 1, 1984, shall comply with the lamp requirements of s. 347.24 (1), 1981 stats.

SECTION 3. 347.35 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

347.35 (5) IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY. (a) No person may operate on a highway any self-propelled implement of husbandry manufactured after the first day of the 12th month commencing after the effective date of this subsection (1983), unless the vehicle is equipped with brakes or other stopping device adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold the implement of husbandry.

(b) Every self-propelled implement of husbandry required to be equipped with brakes or other stopping device shall be equipped with brakes or a stopping device that meets design, type or performance standards established by the department by rule. The rule of the department under this paragraph shall comply with the applicable standard established by the American society of agricultural engineers.