1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 993

March 7, 1996 - Introduced by Representatives Ott, Brandemuehl, Otte and Harsdorf. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

- 1 AN ACT to repeal 346.925 (3); to amend 346.95 (4) and 346.95 (4); and to create
 2 346.925 (3) of the statutes; relating to: penalties for the operation of
- agricultural machinery upon a highway by uncertified youthful operators.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, beginning on May 1, 1996, no person may allow a child under 16 years of age to operate a farm tractor (or other self-propelled implement of husbandry) on a highway unless the child has successfully completed an approved tractor and machinery operation safety course. A person who violates this prohibition may be required to forfeit not more than \$20 for a first violation or not more than \$50 for a 2nd or subsequent offense.

This bill delays the date on which these penalties first apply until July 1, 1997. Until that time, there is no penalty for a violation of this prohibition.

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

- 4 **Section 1.** 346.925 (3) of the statutes is created to read:
- 5 346.925 (3) Notwithstanding s. 939.61, no penalty may be imposed for a violation of this section.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** 346.925 (3) of the statutes, as created by 1995 Wisconsin Act (this act), is repealed.
- 9 **Section 3.** 346.95 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.95 (4) Any person violating s. 346.925 or 346.94 (8) or (8m) may be required
to forfeit not to exceed \$20 for the first offense or not to exceed \$50 for each
subsequent offense.
SECTION 4. 346.95 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 1995 Wisconsin Act (this
act), is amended to read:
346.95 (4) Any person violating s. <u>346.925 or</u> 346.94 (8) or (8m) may be required
to forfeit not to exceed \$20 for the first offense or not to exceed \$50 for each
subsequent offense.
SECTION 5. Initial applicability.
(1) The treatment of section 346.95 (4) (by Section (4)) of the statutes first
applies to the operation of agricultural machinery on July 1, 1997.
SECTION 6. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after
publication, except as follows:
(1) The repeal of section 346.925 (3) of the statutes and the amendment of
346 95 (4) (by Section (4)) of the statutes take effect on July 1 1997

(END)