



## 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 2

January 14, 1999 - Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER, MUSSER, BOCK, OTT, KREUSER, BERCEAU and RYBA. Referred to Committee on Highway Safety.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 347.12 (1) (a) and (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** the use of  
2     high-beam headlamps on motor vehicles.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Current law requires a person driving a motor vehicle during hours of darkness to dim the vehicle's high-beam headlamps whenever approaching an oncoming vehicle within 500 feet or following another vehicle within 500 feet to the rear so that the glaring light is not directed into the other driver's eyes. This bill authorizes the intermittent flashing of high-beam headlamps at oncoming vehicles whose high-beam headlamps are lit.

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

3     **SECTION 1.** 347.12 (1) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:  
4     347.12 (1) (a) Whenever the operator of a vehicle equipped with multiple-beam  
5     headlamps approaches an oncoming vehicle within 500 feet, the operator shall dim,  
6     depress or tilt the vehicle's headlights so that the glaring rays are not directed into  
7     the eyes of the operator of the other vehicle. This paragraph does not prohibit an

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1 operator from intermittently flashing the vehicle's high-beam headlamps at an  
2 oncoming vehicle whose high-beam headlamps are lit.

3 (b) Whenever the operator of a vehicle equipped with multiple-beam  
4 headlamps approaches or follows another vehicle within 500 feet to the rear, the  
5 operator shall dim, depress, or tilt the vehicle's headlights so that the glaring rays  
6 are not reflected into the eyes of the operator of the other vehicle. This paragraph  
7 does not prohibit an operator from intermittently flashing the vehicle's high-beam  
8 headlamps as provided under par. (a).

9 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

10 (1) This act first applies to the operation of motor vehicles occurring on the  
11 effective date of this subsection.

12 (END)