## **2009 SENATE BILL 438**

December 23, 2009 – Introduced by Senators Leibham and Grothman, cosponsored by Representatives Suder, Gunderson and Zigmunt. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

AN ACT *to amend* 346.95 (8); and *to create* 340.01 (28t) and 346.94 (21) of the statutes; **relating to:** the operation of minitrucks on highways and providing a penalty.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill specifies that minitrucks may be operated on all highways in this state except for interstate highways and highways having a speed limit of more than 55 miles per hour. The bill defines a minitruck as a motor truck having a top speed of not more than 60 miles per hour that is: 1) powered by an internal combustion engine with a piston or rotor displacement of not less than 660 cubic centimeters; 2) not more than 60 inches in width; 3) not more than 1,600 pounds in dry, unloaded weight; and 4) manufactured with a locking enclosed cab and a heated interior. A minitruck must be registered as are other motor trucks and is subject to all requirements applicable to other, similar vehicles. If a person operates a minitruck on an interstate highway or a highway having a speed limit of more than 55 miles per hour, the person may be required to forfeit not less than \$30 nor more than \$300.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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1	<b>Section 1.</b> 340.01 (28t) of the statutes is created to read:
2	340.01 (28t) "Minitruck" means a motor truck having a top speed of not more
3	than 60 miles per hour that is all of the following:
4	(a) Powered by an internal combustion engine with a piston or rotor
5	displacement of not less than 660 cubic centimeters.
6	(b) Not more than 60 inches in width.
7	(c) Not more than 1,600 pounds in dry, unloaded weight.
8	(d) Manufactured with a locking enclosed cab and a heated interior.
9	<b>Section 2.</b> 346.94 (21) of the statutes is created to read:
10	346.94 (21) Operation of minitrucks on highways. (a) Except as provided in
11	par. (b), a person may operate a minitruck on any highway.
12	(b) No person may operate a minitruck on any of the following highways:
13	1. Any highway having a speed limit of more than 55 miles per hour.
14	2. Any interstate highway designated under s. 84.29 (2).
15	<b>Section 3.</b> 346.95 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:
16	346.95 (8) Any person violating s. 346.94 (19) or (21) (b) may be required to
17	forfeit not less than \$30 nor more than \$300.

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