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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 475

August 24, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives SPIROS, KULP, VANDERMEER, MURSAU and TUSLER, cosponsored by Senators PETROWSKI, OLSEN, MOULTON, MARKLEIN and WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 347.24 (2); and *to create* 347.30 (3) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** lighting requirements for animal-drawn vehicles operated on highways.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no animal-drawn vehicle may be operated on a highway during hours of darkness unless the vehicle is equipped with at least one white light visible from a distance of 500 feet ahead and two red lights visible from 500 feet to the rear.

This bill requires that, in addition to the white headlight and the red rear lights, such vehicles must be equipped with rear flashing yellow or amber strobe lights. The bill also requires that the lights on an animal-drawn vehicle be illuminated during periods of inclement weather.

For further information see the ***state and local*** 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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 347.24 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 347.24 (2) No person may operate on a highway during hours of darkness or
5 during periods of inclement weather a vehicle drawn by an animal unless the vehicle

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1 is equipped with at least one lighted lamp or lantern exhibiting a white light visible
2 from a distance of 500 feet ahead and 2 lighted lamps or lanterns exhibiting red light
3 lights and 2 yellow or amber strobe lights visible from a distance of 500 feet to the
4 rear and. The red rear lights shall be mounted in such a manner as to indicate the
5 extreme width of the vehicle. The yellow or amber strobe lights shall be mounted not
6 more than 6 inches from the lateral extremities of the vehicle.

7 **SECTION 2.** 347.30 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

8 347.30 (3) Notwithstanding sub. (2), on or after the effective date of this
9 subsection ... [LRB inserts date], and before 6 months after the effective date of this
10 subsection ... [LRB inserts date], if a person violates s. 347.24 (2) by operating on a
11 highway during hours of darkness a vehicle that is drawn by an animal and that is
12 not equipped with 2 yellow or amber strobe lights visible from a distance of 500 feet
13 to the rear and mounted not more than 6 inches from the lateral extremities of the
14 vehicle, a law enforcement officer shall issue the person a warning notice and may
15 not issue a citation.

16 (END)