

# State of Wisconsin



2023 Senate Bill 355

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## 2023 WISCONSIN ACT 155

AN ACT to **renumber and amend** 347.26 (9); to **amend** 346.072 (1g) (d); and to **create** 347.26 (9) (a) 3. and 347.26 (9) (b) of the statutes; **relating to**: warning lights on public utility, telecommunications carrier, or cooperative vehicles.

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

**SECTION 1.** 346.072 (1g) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.072 (1g) (d) Any vehicle of a public utility, telecommunications carrier, or cooperative association described in s. 347.26 (9) displaying one or more flashing amber or green lamps as provided in s. 347.26 (9).

**SECTION 2.** 347.26 (9) of the statutes is renumbered 347.26 (9) (a) (intro.) and amended to read:

347.26 (9) (a) (intro.) ~~Any Subject to par. (b), any~~ vehicle of a public utility, as defined in s. 196.01 (5), ~~of a~~ telecommunications carrier, as defined in s. 196.01 (8m), ~~or of a~~ cooperative association organized under ch. 185 for the purpose of producing or furnishing heat, light, power, or water to its members, ~~which that~~ by reason of its use upon a highway creates a vehicular traffic hazard requiring the exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing may be equipped with ~~a~~ any of the following configurations of flashing amber lamp or green lamps:

1. ~~A lamp of the dome dome-light type or with 2 flashing amber.~~

2. ~~Two~~ lamps, one showing to the front and one showing to the rear. ~~Such The~~ lamps shall be mounted approximately midway between the extremities of the width of

the vehicle and at the highest practicable point and shall be used only for the purpose of warning operators of other vehicles of the presence of the traffic hazard. ~~Should such vehicle be of a type so as to make impractical~~ If the mounting of such lamps midway between the extremities of the width of the vehicle is impracticable because of the vehicle's design, then such the mountings shall be made at or near the upper left front and rear corners of ~~such the~~ vehicle.

**SECTION 3.** 347.26 (9) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

347.26 (9) (a) 3. Four lamps, 2 showing to the front and 2 showing to the rear. The lamps showing to the front shall be mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable. The lamps showing to the rear shall be mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable.

**SECTION 4.** 347.26 (9) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

347.26 (9) (b) In this paragraph, "maintenance and restoration of utility service" means the immediate restoration of a utility service that is outside the normal parameters of general maintenance or construction when damage or interruption of service has been caused to utility infrastructure by adverse weather or other events and that requires utility crews to park utility vehicles in the

\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

roadway or on the shoulder of the roadway. No person may use flashing green lamps under par. (a) unless the vehicle upon which the lamps are mounted is operated

for the purpose of maintenance and restoration of utility service.

