



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 773

January 4, 1996 - Introduced by Representatives SERATTI, GARD, GOETSCH, FREESE, OTT and SILBAUGH, cosponsored by Senators DRZEWIECKI and BRESKE. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 347.15 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** decorative coverings
2 on vehicle direction signal lamps.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with limited exceptions, motor vehicles are required to be equipped with at least 4 direction signal lamps (2 showing to the front, 2 showing to the rear) to indicate the driver's intention to turn right or left. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a forfeiture of not less than \$10 nor more than \$200.

This bill provides that no direction signal lamp may have any type of decorative covering that restricts the amount of light emitted when the direction signal is in use. A forfeiture of not less than \$10 nor more than \$200 may be imposed for failure to comply with this restriction on covering a direction signal lamp.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 347.15 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 347.15 (2) Except as provided in sub. (1), there shall be at least 2 direction
5 signal lamps showing to the front on motor vehicles and at least 2 showing to the rear
6 on motor vehicles, mobile homes, trailers and semitrailers, so as to indicate intention
7 to turn right or left. Lamps showing to the front shall be located on the same level
8 and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and lamps showing to the rear shall be
9 located on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable. Such lamps

SECTION 1

1 shall project a flashing white or amber light visible to the front and a flashing red
2 or amber light visible to the rear. Direction signal lamps when in use shall be plainly
3 visible and understandable from all distances to 300 feet during normal sunlight.
4 No direction signal lamp shall have any type of decorative covering that restricts the
5 amount of light emitted when the direction signal lamp is in use. When actuated,
6 such lamps shall indicate the intended direction of turning by flashing the lights
7 showing to the front and rear on the side toward which the turn is made.

8 (END)