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CHAPTER 156

AN ACT to amend 348.20 (1) of the statutes, relating to policy in prosecuting weight violations.

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

348.20 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.20 (1) It is declared to be the public policy of the state that prosecutions for overweight violations shall in every instance where practicable be instituted against the person holding the authority, certificates, licenses or permits evidencing operating privileges from the public service

commission or motor vehicle department which may be the proper object of cancellation or revocation proceedings. In instances where a combination of tractor and trailer or semitrailer is used, the person standing in the relationship of principal or employer to the driver of the tractor portion of the vehicle combination is liable for violation of * * * ss. 348.15 to 348.17 along with the owner holding authority, certificates, licenses or permits from the state. It is a violation of ss. 348.15 to 348.17 for the owner or any other person employing or otherwise directing the operator of the vehicle to require or * * * permit the operation of such vehicle upon a highway contrary to ss. 348.15 to 348.17. *This section shall not apply to individuals, co-partnership or corporations whose principal business is leasing of vehicles including trailers and semitrailers as described in s. 194.44, but such prosecutions shall be instituted against the lessee of the vehicle.*

Approved June 25, 1959.
