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CHAPTER 223

AN ACT to amend 48.36 (1) (intro. par.) ; and to create 218.01 (7b) and 341.08 (5) of the statutes, relating to regulating purchase and registration of motor vehicles by minors under the age of 18 and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. 48.36 (1) (intro. par.) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.36 (1) (intro. par.) If a juvenile court finds that a child has violated any provision of s. 218.01 (7b) or chs. 341 to 349 or any county or municipal ordinance enacted under s. 349.06, it shall dispose of the case in the following manner:

SECTION 2. 218.01 (7b) of the statutes is created to read:

218.01 (7b) PURCHASE OF MOTOR VEHICLE BY MINOR. No minor under 18 years of age shall purchase any motor vehicle unless he, at the time of purchase, submits to the seller a statement verified before a person authorized to administer oaths and made and signed by the purchaser's father if he has custody of the applicant; or if the father does not have custody, then by the mother if she has custody; or if neither parent has custody, then by the person or guardian having such custody, setting forth that the purchaser has the consent of such person or guardian to purchase such vehicle. The signature on such statement shall not impute any liability for the purchase price of the motor vehicle to such person or guardian. Such statement shall not adversely affect any other arrangement for the assumption of liability for the purchase price which the person or guardian may make. The signed statement shall accompany the application for a certificate of title and shall be filed by the department with such application. Failure to obtain such consent or to forward it with the application for a certificate of title, shall not void the contract of sale of a motor vehicle in the hands of an innocent holder, without notice, for value and in the ordinary course of business. Any person who sells a motor vehicle to a minor under the age of 18 with knowledge of such fact without procuring such a statement may be fined not more than \$200 or imprisoned not more than 6 months or both.

SECTION 3. 341.08 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

341.08 (5) If the applicant for a certificate of registration is under 18 years of age, the application shall be accompanied by a statement verified before a person authorized to administer oaths and made and signed by the applicant's father if he has custody of the applicant; or if the father does not have custody, then by the mother if she has custody; or if neither parent has custody, then by the person or guardian having such custody, setting forth that the applicant has the consent of such person or guardian to register such vehicle in the applicant's name. The signature on such statement shall not impute any liability for the negligence or misconduct of the applicant while operating such motor vehicle on the highways. Any person who violates this section may be fined not more than \$200 or imprisoned not more than 6 months or both.

Approved July 22, 1959.