

Assembly Bill 57

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CHAPTER 347

AN ACT to amend 347.35 (1); and to create 347.35 (1a) of the statutes, relating to requirements for parking brakes.

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

SECTION 1. 347.35 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

347.35 (1) No person shall operate any motor vehicle, other than a motor-driven cycle, upon a highway unless such motor vehicle is equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold such vehicle and capable of meeting the performance specifications ~~set~~

~~forth in under s. 347.36. There shall be 2 separate means of applying the brakes, each of which means shall be effective to apply the brakes to at least 2 wheels. If these 2 separate means of applying the brakes are connected in any way, they shall be so constructed that failure of any one part of the operating mechanism will not leave the motor vehicle without brakes on at least 2 wheels. One of the means of brake operation shall consist of a mechanical connection from the operating lever to the brake shoes or bands and this brake shall be capable of holding the vehicle, or combination of vehicles, stationary under any condition of loading on any up grade or down grade upon which it is operated.~~

SECTION 2. 347.35 (1a) of the statutes is created to read:

347.35 (1a) PARKING BRAKES. Every such vehicle and combination of vehicles, except motor-driven cycles, shall be equipped with parking brakes adequate to hold the vehicle on any grade on which it is operated, under all conditions of loading on a surface free from snow, ice or loose material. The parking brakes shall be capable of being applied by the driver's muscular effort or by spring action or by equivalent means. Their operation may be assisted by the service brakes or other source of power provided that failure of the service brake actuation system or other power assisting mechanism will not prevent the parking brakes from being applied. The parking brakes shall be so designed that when once applied they shall remain applied with the required effectiveness despite exhaustion of any source of energy or leakage of any kind. The same brake drums, brake shoes and lining assemblies, brake shoe anchors and mechanical brake shoe actuation mechanism normally associated with the wheel brake assemblies may be used for both the service brakes and the parking brakes. If the means of applying the parking brakes and the service brakes are connected in any way, they shall be so constructed that failure of any one part shall not leave the vehicle without operative brakes.

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