

1977 Assembly Bill 666

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CHAPTER 30, Laws of 1977

AN ACT to repeal 346.57 (4) (hm); to amend 343.30 (1n), 346.57 (4) (h) and 349.11 (2) (a), (8) (intro.) and (9), of the statutes; and to amend chapter 157, laws of 1973, section 15 (intro.) and chapter 333, laws of 1973, section 202 (12) (intro.) relating to making the 55 mile per hour speed limit and certain other energy conservation measures permanent and relating to suspending a person's operating privilege upon the person's conviction by a court of exceeding the 55 mile per hour limit by 25 miles per hour or more.

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

SECTION 1. 343.30 (1n) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.30 (1n) A court shall suspend the operating privilege of a person for a period of 15 days upon ~~such the~~ person's conviction by the court of exceeding the speed limit as established by s. 346.57 (4) (h) ~~or a higher speed limit established under s. 349.11 (2) (a), by 20, by 25~~ or more miles per hour. If ~~such the~~ conviction makes the person subject to revocation under s. 343.32 or suspension or revocation under s. 343.085, the court shall immediately suspend the license, taking possession of ~~such the~~ license and shall forward it to the division which shall proceed to act as authorized

under s. 343.32 or 343.085, but any revocation or suspension by the administrator shall date from the day the court took possession of the license.

SECTION 2. 346.57 (4) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.57 (4) (h) In the absence of any other fixed limits or the posting of limits as required or authorized by law, 55 miles per hour ~~during hours of darkness and 65 miles per hour at other times.~~

SECTION 3. 346.57 (4) (hm) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 349.11 (2) (a), (8) (intro.) and (9) of the statutes are amended to read:

349.11 (2) (a) Declare a speed limit which is in excess of the limits stated in s. 346.57 (4) (h), ~~except that the highway commission may establish speed limits in excess of those provided by s. 346.57 (4) (h) on freeways as defined in s. 990.01 (9a) and on that portion of the interstate system within Wisconsin which has been completed to the standards established by the U.S. bureau of public roads and establish different speed limits for different types of vehicles thereon; or~~

(8) (intro.) ~~During an energy emergency, notwithstanding~~ Notwithstanding the authority otherwise granted to modify speed restrictions in this section, except as provided in sub. (9), the highway commission and local authorities may not establish or continue:

(9) The highway commission, with respect to any highway, may alter speed restrictions during an energy emergency to comply with federal law or if the commission finds that extraordinary circumstances in this state require such alteration. All decisions made by the highway commission under ~~chapter 157, laws of 1973, this subsection~~ will be subject to review by the joint committee for review of administrative rules in accordance with s. ~~125.08~~ 13.56.

SECTION 5. Chapter 157, laws of 1973, section 15 (intro.), as amended by chapter 333, laws of 1973, section 190m, is amended to read:

(Chapter 157, laws of 1973) Section 15 (intro.) **Effective date, expiration.** This act, except for the treatment of ~~section 348.27 (9)~~ sections 340.01 (15s), 348.27 (8) and (9) and 349.11 (8) and (9) of the statutes by this act which shall take effect December 30, 1973, and which shall not become void as provided under this section, shall be in effect until the date specified in sub. (1) or (2), whichever occurs first, and after that date is void:

SECTION 6. Chapter 333, laws of 1973, section 202 (12) (intro.) is amended to read:

(Chapter 333, laws of 1973) Section 202 (12) (intro.) The treatment of ~~sections section 192.56 (7) and 346.60 (2)~~ of the statutes by this act shall be in effect until the date specified in paragraph (a) or (b), whichever occurs first, and after that date is void:

SECTION 7. **Cross reference change.** The cross reference to “s. 346.57 (4) (d) to (hm)” in section 346.60 (2) of the statutes is changed to “s. 346.57 (4) (d) to (h)”.
