

1993 Assembly Bill 785

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1993 WISCONSIN ACT 260

AN ACT to *renumber and amend* 340.01 (43m); and to *create* 340.01 (24m), 340.01 (43m) (b), 346.94 (17), 346.95 (6) and 349.235 of the statutes, **relating to:** the use of in-line skates on roadways, granting rule-making authority and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. 340.01 (24m) of the statutes is created to read:

340.01 (**24m**) "In-line skates" means skates with wheels arranged singly in a tandem line rather than in pairs.

SECTION 2. 340.01 (43m) of the statutes is renumbered 340.01 (43m) (intro.) and amended to read:

340.01 (**43m**) (intro.) "Play vehicle" means:

(a) Means a coaster, skate board, roller skates, sled, toboggan, unicycle or toy vehicle upon which a person may ride.

SECTION 3. 340.01 (43m) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

340.01 (**43m**) (b) Does not include in-line skates.

SECTION 4. 346.94 (17) of the statutes is created to read:

346.94 (**17**) IN-LINE SKATES ON ROADWAY. (a) A person riding upon in-line skates may go upon any roadway under the jurisdiction of a local authority, subject to any restrictions specified by municipal ordinance enacted under s. 349.235.

(b) Any person riding upon in-line skates upon any roadway shall ride in a careful and prudent manner and

with due regard under the circumstances for the safety of all persons using the roadway.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection or s. 349.235, no person riding upon in-line skates may attach the in-line skates or himself or herself to any vehicle upon a roadway or, except while crossing a roadway at a crosswalk, go upon any roadway under the jurisdiction of the department.

SECTION 5. 346.95 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

346.95 (**6**) Any person violating s. 346.94 (17) may be required to forfeit not less than \$10 nor more than \$20 for the first offense and not less than \$25 nor more than \$50 for the 2nd or subsequent conviction within a year.

SECTION 6. 349.235 of the statutes is created to read:

349.235 Authority to restrict use of in-line skates on roadway. (1) The governing body of any city, town, village or county may by ordinance restrict the use of in-line skates on any roadway under its jurisdiction. No ordinance may restrict any person from riding upon in-line skates while crossing a roadway at a crosswalk.

(2) The department of natural resources may promulgate rules designating roadways under its jurisdiction upon which in-line skates may be used, except that no rule may permit a person using in-line skates to attach the skates or himself or herself to any vehicle upon a roadway.