



## 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 256

April 9, 1997 – Introduced by Representatives OTT, AINSWORTH, LADWIG, HANSON, R. YOUNG, RYBA, M. LEHMAN, FREESE, KREIBICH, OLSEN, GRONEMUS, PLOUFF, GOETSCH, OWENS, SKINDRUD, HARS DORF and BRANDEMUEHL, cosponsored by Senators BUETTNER, GROBSCHMIDT and PANZER. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 36.25 (32) (a) 1. and 2. and 346.925 (1) of the statutes; **relating**  
2     **to:** tractor and machinery operation safety training and certification.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, no person may permit a child under the age of 16 years to operate a farm tractor on a highway, except to cross the highway, unless the child has been certified as successfully completing a tractor operation safety training course that satisfies specified requirements. Current law requires the Agricultural Safety and Health Center in the University of Wisconsin–Extension to perform instructor training and coordination necessary to provide a statewide program of tractor operation safety training to minors and certification of minors successfully completing the training. This bill specifies that the statewide program of tractor operation safety training and certification is only provided to persons who are at least 12 years of age.

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

3     **SECTION 1.** 36.25 (32) (a) 1. and 2. of the statutes are amended to read:  
4     36.25 (**32**) (a) 1. Develop curriculum and materials for a tractor and machine  
5     operation safety training course for ~~minors~~ persons who are at least 12 years of age

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1 but under 18 years of age that is equivalent to the requirements, other than age,  
2 specified under 29 CFR 570.70 to 570.72.

3 2. Perform instructor training and coordination necessary to provide a  
4 statewide program of tractor and machinery operation safety training to ~~minors~~  
5 persons who are at least 12 years of age but under 18 years of age and certification  
6 of ~~minors~~ persons successfully completing such training.

7 **SECTION 2.** 346.925 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 346.925 (1) ~~After April 30, 1996, no~~ No person may direct or permit a child  
9 under the age of 16 years to operate a farm tractor or self-propelled implement of  
10 husbandry on the highway unless the child has been certified under s. 36.25 (32) (a)  
11 2. as successfully completing a tractor and machinery operation safety training  
12 course that is equivalent to the requirements, other than age, specified under 29 CFR  
13 part 570.70 to 570.72.

14 (END)