

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 102

February 6, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives POWERS, FREESE, WILLIAMS and VRAKAS, cosponsored by Senator SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Highway Safety.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 347.14 (2) and 347.25 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 motorcycle stop lamps.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person may operate a motor vehicle displaying any color of light other than red on the rear of the vehicle unless the use of a different color is specifically permitted by statute. No person may operate a motor vehicle upon a highway unless the vehicle is equipped with a brake light that is activated by application of the brake and that emits a plainly visible red or amber light.

This bill allows the use of a blue light on the brake light of a motorcycle if the blue light is centrally located on the red or amber brake light and comprises less than 10% of the surface area of the brake light.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 347.14 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 347.14 (2) A stop lamp shall be so constructed as to be actuated upon
5 application of the service or foot brake or separate trailer brake and shall emit a red

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1 or amber light. The stop lamp for a motorcycle may emit, in addition to red or amber
2 light, a blue light that is located in the center of the lamp and that comprises less than
3 10% of the surface area of the lamp. A stop lamp under this subsection shall be
4 plainly visible and understandable from all distances up to 300 feet to the rear during
5 normal sunlight when viewed from the driver's seat of the vehicle following.

6 **SECTION 2.** 347.25 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 347.25 (4) ~~No~~ Except as provided in s. 347.14 (2), no vehicle may be equipped
8 with or display any blue colored light or lamp unless the vehicle is used in police work
9 authorized by the state or a political subdivision of the state or is used by a fire
10 department as authorized under sub. (1s).

11 (END)