

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 154

February 23, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives PETTIS, LIPPERT, OLSEN, KRAWCZYK, RYBA, MUSSER, MCCORMICK, OWENS, JOHNSRUD, SERATTI, TOWNSEND, MILLER and KREUSER, cosponsored by Senators GROBSCHMIDT and GEORGE. Referred to Committee on Highway Safety.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 347.06 (1), 347.09 (1) (intro.), 347.13 (1) and 347.16 (1) (intro.),
2 (a) and (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring headlamps and other required
3 lamps on a school bus to be lighted whenever the school bus is operated on a
4 highway.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with certain exceptions, no person may operate a motor vehicle upon a highway during hours of darkness unless all headlamps, taillamps, and clearance lamps with which the vehicle must be equipped are lighted.

Under this bill, no person may operate a school bus upon a highway at any time unless all required headlamps, taillamps, and clearance lamps for the school bus are lighted.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 347.06 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
6 347.06 (1) Except as provided in subs. (2) and (4), no person may operate a
7 vehicle upon a highway during hours of darkness or, if the vehicle is a school bus, at

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1 any time unless all headlamps, tail lamps, and clearance lamps with which such
2 vehicle is required to be equipped are lighted. Parking lamps as defined in s. 347.27
3 shall not be used for this purpose.

4 **SECTION 2.** 347.09 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 347.09 (1) (intro.) No person shall operate a motor vehicle on a highway during
6 hours of darkness or, if the motor vehicle is a school bus, at any time, unless such
7 vehicle is equipped as follows:

8 **SECTION 3.** 347.13 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 347.13 (1) No person shall operate a motor vehicle, mobile home, or trailer or
10 semitrailer upon a highway during hours of darkness, or if the motor vehicle is a
11 school bus at any time, unless such motor vehicle, mobile home, or trailer or
12 semitrailer is equipped with at least one tail lamp mounted on the rear which, when
13 lighted during hours of darkness, emits a red light plainly visible from a distance of
14 500 feet to the rear. No tail lamp shall have any type of decorative covering that
15 restricts the amount of light emitted when the tail lamp is in use. No vehicle
16 originally equipped at the time of manufacture and sale with 2 tail lamps shall be
17 operated upon a highway during hours of darkness unless both such lamps are in
18 good working order. This subsection does not apply to any type of decorative covering
19 originally equipped on the vehicle at the time of manufacture and sale.

20 **SECTION 4.** 347.16 (1) (intro.), (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

21 347.16 (1) (intro.) No person shall operate on a highway during hours of
22 darkness any vehicle, except automobiles, or if the vehicle is a school bus at any time,
23 having a width at any part in excess of 80 inches unless such vehicle is equipped with
24 all of the following:

