

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 142

1 AN ACT *to create* 346.915 of the statutes; **relating to:** following snowplows and
2 providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

3 SECTION 1. 346.915 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **346.915 Following snowplows. (1)** In this section, "snowplow" means a
5 vehicle that is operated by a person employed by or on behalf of an authority in charge
6 of the maintenance of the highway to perform highway winter maintenance snow
7 and ice removal, including plowing, salting, and sanding, during either a storm or
8 cleanup following a storm and which is using lamps described in s. 347.26 (7).

9 (2) The operator of any vehicle that is not a snowplow may not follow a
10 snowplow closer than 200 feet upon any highway having a posted speed limit of more

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1 than 35 miles per hour, if the snowplow is engaged in highway winter maintenance
2 snow and ice removal, as described in sub. (1), and is using lamps described in s.
3 347.26 (7). This subsection does not apply when overtaking and passing a snowplow,
4 but the fact that the operator of any vehicle upon a highway having a posted speed
5 limit of more than 35 miles per hour follows the snowplow more closely than 200 feet
6 for one mile or more or follows more closely than 200 feet when the snowplow is
7 moving at the maximum speed limit is prima facie evidence that the operator of such
8 following vehicle is violating this subsection. This subsection does not apply to a
9 snowplow that is stopped or standing in the highway.

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(END)