

2003 SENATE BILL 491

February 24, 2004 – Introduced by Senator LASSA, cosponsored by Representative SCHNEIDER. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 347.43 (1s) of the statutes; **relating to:** the requirement that
2 motor vehicles be equipped with safety glass.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, all motor vehicles operated upon a highway must be equipped with safety glass wherever glass is used on the vehicle in windshields, windows, doors, and partitions. Safety glass is defined as glass that is treated or combined with other materials to reduce the likelihood of injury to persons by objects from external sources or by the glass when the glass is struck or broken.

Also under current law, a mobile home is defined, in part, as a towed vehicle and a person may not be a passenger in a mobile home while it is being towed unless, with certain limitations, the mobile home is a fifth-wheel mobile home.

This bill creates an exception to the vehicle safety glass requirement for mobile homes that are not fifth-wheel mobile homes.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 347.43 (1s) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 347.43 (1s) No person may operate upon a highway any motor vehicle
5 manufactured after January 1, 1936, except a mobile home other than a fifth-wheel

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1 mobile home, unless the motor vehicle is equipped with safety glass wherever glass
2 is used on the motor vehicle in partitions, doors, windows or windshields.

3 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) This act first applies to vehicles operated on the effective date of this
5 subsection.

6 (END)