2007 Senate Bill 509

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2007 WISCONSIN ACT 68

AN ACT to amend 343.16 (2) (b); and to create 38.04 (4) (e) 4., 115.28 (11) (d) and 343.71 (5) (d) of the statutes; relating to: driver education instruction and driver's license examinations.

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

SECTION 1. 38.04 (4) (e) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

38.04 (4) (e) 4. Includes instruction relating to passing stopped emergency vehicles, tow trucks, and highway machinery equipment.

SECTION 2. 115.28 (11) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

115.28 (11) (d) Include instruction relating to passing stopped emergency vehicles, tow trucks, and highway machinery equipment.

SECTION 3. 343.16 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.16 (2) (b) Specific requirements. The standards developed by the department under par. (c) shall provide that the examination for persons making their first application for an operator's license shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight, ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning and directing traffic, knowledge of the traffic laws, including s. ss. 346.072 and 346.26, understanding of fuel–efficient driving habits and the relative costs and availability of other modes of transportation, knowledge of the need for anatomical gifts and the ability to make an anatomical gift through the use of a donor card issued under s. 343.175 (2), and an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary

and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle. The test of knowledge of the traffic laws shall include questions on the provisions of ss. 343.30 (1q), 343.303 to 343.31 and 346.63 to 346.655, relating to the operation of a motor vehicle and the consumption of alcohol beverages. The test of knowledge may also include questions on the social, medical and economic effects of alcohol and other drug abuse. The examination of applicants for authorization to operate 'Class M' vehicles shall test an applicant's knowledge of Type 1 motorcycle safety, including proper eye protection to be worn during hours of darkness. The department may require persons changing their residence to this state from another jurisdiction and persons applying for a reinstated license after termination of a revocation period to take all or parts of the examination required of persons making their first application for an operator's license. Any applicant who is required to give an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle shall furnish a representative vehicle in safe operating condition for use in testing ability.

SECTION 4. 343.71 (5) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

343.71 (5) (d) Includes instruction relating to passing stopped emergency vehicles, tow trucks, and highway machinery equipment.

^{*} Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2005–06: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

SECTION 5. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 6th month beginning after publication.