



## 2009 SENATE BILL 438

December 23, 2009 – Introduced by Senators LEIBHAM and GROTHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives SUDER, GUNDERSON and ZIGMUNT. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 346.95 (8); and *to create* 340.01 (28t) and 346.94 (21) of the  
2             statutes; **relating to:** the operation of minitrucks on highways and providing  
3             a penalty.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill specifies that minitrucks may be operated on all highways in this state except for interstate highways and highways having a speed limit of more than 55 miles per hour. The bill defines a minitruck as a motor truck having a top speed of not more than 60 miles per hour that is: 1) powered by an internal combustion engine with a piston or rotor displacement of not less than 660 cubic centimeters; 2) not more than 60 inches in width; 3) not more than 1,600 pounds in dry, unloaded weight; and 4) manufactured with a locking enclosed cab and a heated interior. A minitruck must be registered as are other motor trucks and is subject to all requirements applicable to other, similar vehicles. If a person operates a minitruck on an interstate highway or a highway having a speed limit of more than 55 miles per hour, the person may be required to forfeit not less than \$30 nor more than \$300.

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

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

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1           **SECTION 1.** 340.01 (28t) of the statutes is created to read:

2           340.01 **(28t)** “Minitruck” means a motor truck having a top speed of not more  
3 than 60 miles per hour that is all of the following:

4           (a) Powered by an internal combustion engine with a piston or rotor  
5 displacement of not less than 660 cubic centimeters.

6           (b) Not more than 60 inches in width.

7           (c) Not more than 1,600 pounds in dry, unloaded weight.

8           (d) Manufactured with a locking enclosed cab and a heated interior.

9           **SECTION 2.** 346.94 (21) of the statutes is created to read:

10          346.94 **(21)** OPERATION OF MINITRUCKS ON HIGHWAYS. (a) Except as provided in  
11 par. (b), a person may operate a minitruck on any highway.

12          (b) No person may operate a minitruck on any of the following highways:

13          1. Any highway having a speed limit of more than 55 miles per hour.

14          2. Any interstate highway designated under s. 84.29 (2).

15          **SECTION 3.** 346.95 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

16          346.95 **(8)** Any person violating s. 346.94 (19) or (21) (b) may be required to  
17 forfeit not less than \$30 nor more than \$300.

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(END)