



2009 SENATE BILL 253

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 346.41 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** traffic control devices
2 used by school safety patrols.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, traffic control devices containing advertising are not permitted on highways. An exception is provided for the use of certain flags by members of school safety patrols to warn traffic that children are about to cross the roadway. To meet the exception a school safety patrol flag must be federal yellow, 24 inches square, bear the words “safety patrol” or “school,” and be attached to a lightweight pole eight feet or less in length. Under this bill, the school safety patrol flag exception also includes flags that are fluorescent yellow and between 20 inches and 24 inches square.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 346.41 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 346.41 (2) No person shall may place or maintain ~~nor shall any~~ and no public
5 authority may permit upon any highway, any traffic control device bearing thereon
6 any advertising, except that a federal or fluorescent yellow flag, not less than 20

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1 inches nor more than 24 inches square and bearing either the words “Safety Patrol”
2 or “School,” attached to a light weight pole 8 feet or less in length may be used by
3 members of school safety patrols standing adjacent to but off the roadway to warn
4 traffic that children are about to cross the roadway.

5 (END)