



State of Wisconsin
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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2015 SENATE BILL 408

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 343.15 (2) (b); and *to create* 343.15 (2) (b) 1.
2 and 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** the liability of an adult sponsor of a minor
3 applicant for a motor vehicle operator's license.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 343.15 (2) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 343.15 (2) (b) (intro.)
5 and amended to read:
6 343.15 **(2)** (b) (intro.) Any negligence or willful misconduct of a person under
7 the age of 18 years when operating a motor vehicle upon the highways is imputed to
8 the parents where both have custody and either parent signed as sponsor, otherwise,
9 it is imputed to the adult sponsor who signed the application for such person's license.
10 The parents or the adult sponsor is jointly and severally liable with such operator for

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1 any damages caused by such negligent or willful misconduct. The liability imputed
2 under this paragraph is limited to a maximum total of the higher of the following:

3 **SECTION 2.** 343.15 (2) (b) 1. and 2. of the statutes are created to read:

4 343.15 (2) (b) 1. \$300,000 for all parents or adult sponsors to all parties arising
5 from any one accident.

6 2. The limits of any insurance coverage provided to the minor under the
7 parent's or adult sponsor's applicable insurance policies.

8 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

9 (1) This act first applies to accidents occurring on the effective date of this
10 subsection.

11 (END)