AN ACT to create 86.19 (1w), 347.453 and 347.50 (2e) of the statutes; relating to: limitation on animal-drawn vehicles and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits a person from operating on a highway any animal-drawn vehicle that is drawn by an animal wearing horseshoes that will injure the highway. The bill also authorizes counties and municipalities to enact ordinances to prohibit the operation of any vehicle that is drawn by an animal wearing a horseshoe with a spike or protuberance that extends more than one-quarter inch beyond the surface of the horseshoe during the months of April to October. The bill provides that the prohibition is enforceable only if the county or municipality erects a sign on each highway under its jurisdiction that crosses its territorial boundary notifying vehicle operators of the prohibition. The bill provides that a person violating these provisions may be required to forfeit $25 for a second offense and $50 for a third or subsequent offense.

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

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

SECTION 1. 86.19 (1w) of the statutes is created to read:
86.19 (1w) Notwithstanding sub. (1), the authorities charged with the
maintenance of a highway may erect and maintain signs indicating the limitation
on the operation of animal-drawn vehicles as provided in s. 347.453 (2).

SECTION 2. 347.453 of the statutes is created to read:

347.453 Animals drawing vehicles. (1) No person may operate on a
highway any animal-drawn vehicle if the vehicle is drawn by an animal wearing
horseshoes made of a material that will injure the highway.

(2) (a) A county or municipality may by ordinance prohibit, from April 1 to
October 31 of each year, the operation on a highway of any vehicle drawn by an
animal wearing a horseshoe with a spike or other protuberance that extends more
than one-quarter inch beyond the surface of the horseshoe.

(b) A county or municipal ordinance enacted under par. (a) is enforceable only
if the county or municipality erects a sign on each highway under its jurisdiction that
crosses its territorial boundary notifying vehicle operators of the prohibition
provided by the ordinance.

SECTION 3. 347.50 (2e) of the statutes is created to read:

347.50 (2e) Any person violating s. 347.453 may be required to forfeit $25 for
a 2nd offense and $50 for a 3rd or subsequent offense.