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2025 SENATE BILL 136

March 14, 2025 - Introduced by Senators TOMCZYK, NASS and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Representatives TUSLER, DITTRICH, GUNDRUM, GOEBEN, KNODL, MELOTIK, ORTIZ-VELEZ, SINICKI and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Local Government.

AN ACT ***to amend*** 347.26 (4) (a); ***to create*** 347.26 (4) (am) of the statutes;

relating to: school bus back-up lamps.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides that a school bus may be equipped with one back-up lamp mounted to each side of the vehicle and directed to project a white or amber light illuminating the rear wheels of the vehicle when backing. Under current law, a motor vehicle may not be equipped with more than two back-up lamps, which must be directed to project white or amber light illuminating the roadway to the rear of the vehicle for a distance of up 75 feet.

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

SECTION 1. 347.26 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

347.26 **(4)** (a) ~~Any~~ Except as provided in par. (am), any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than 2 back-up lamps which shall be so directed as to project a white or amber light illuminating the roadway to the rear of such vehicle for a distance not to exceed 75 feet.

SECTION 2. 347.26 (4) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

347.26 **(4)** (am) In addition to the lamps authorized under par. (a), a school bus may be equipped with one back-up lamp mounted to each side of the vehicle and directed to project a white or amber light illuminating the rear wheels of the vehicle when backing.

(END)