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CHAPTER 297.

AN ACT to amend 60.29 (36), 85.10 (14) and 85.67 (2), and to create 60.29 (17) of the statutes, relating to authorized emergency vehicles and powers of municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. 60.29 (36) of the statutes is amended to read:

60.29 (36) When a board of police and fire commissioners is duly appointed pursuant to section 60.18 (19), to proceed by ordinance or resolution to establish a police department and a fire department or either of them, to provide for the housing and equipment thereof, to designate the members thereof, including rank, duties, number and compensation and to regulate such departments, *particularly when responding to emergency calls*, except as otherwise provided by statute.

SECTION 2. 60.29 (17) of the statutes is created to read:

60.29 (17) PULMOTORS, RESUSCITATORS, INHALATORS. To purchase pulmotors, resuscitators, inhalators and all other equipment that may be needed for any and all emergency calls.

SECTION 3. 85.10 (14) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.10 (14) Vehicles of the fire department, fire patrol, police vehicles, conservation wardens' vehicles, foresters' trucks, *privately owned motor vehicles being used by full-time, part-time, and volunteer firemen while en route to a fire or on an emergency call*, such emergency vehicles of municipal, county or state departments or public service corporations and such ambulances as are so designated or authorized by local authorities.

SECTION 4. 85.67 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.67 (2) Every motor vehicle, when operated upon a highway, shall be equipped with a horn in good working order, capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions for a distance of not less than 200 feet and it shall be unlawful, except as otherwise provided in this section, for any vehicle to be equipped with, or for any person to use upon a vehicle, any siren or compression spark plug whistle, or for any person at any time to use a horn otherwise than as a reasonable warning or to make any unnecessary or unreasonably loud or harsh sound by means of a horn or other warning device. When authorized by the common council of any city or the board of any town or village, it shall be lawful for *full-time, part-time, and volunteer* members of * * * fire departments to equip their privately owned motor vehicles with a siren or red warning lights, provided such *full-time, part-time and volunteer* firemen shall only use such siren or red warning lights while traveling to the scene of a fire or * * * *while on any other emergency call.*

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