

CHAPTER 79.

AN ACT to amend 85.41 (1) and 86.14 (2) of the statutes, relating to posting signs at bridges.

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

SECTION 1. 85.41 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.41 (1) The state highway commission upon request from any county highway committee or local authority shall, or it may upon its own initiative, conduct an investigation of any bridge, causeway, viaduct or structure or any highway, and if it shall thereupon find that such structure cannot with safety to itself withstand vehicles traveling at the speeds otherwise permitted under this section, the commission shall determine and declare the maximum speed of vehicles which such structure can withstand and shall cause or permit * * * warning signs stating such maximum speed to be erected and maintained at a *suitable* distance * * * before each end of such structure. The findings and determination of the commission shall be conclusive evidence of the maximum speed which can be maintained with safety to any such structure.

SECTION 2. 86.14 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

86.14 (2) Any person who subjects any bridge or culvert to a load in excess of maximum limitations on weight of vehicles on highways imposed by law or regulations thereunder or limitation as to gross weight of vehicles as posted on *or at* such bridge or culvert shall be liable for double the amount of damages that may be caused thereby * * *. There shall be no recovery for any injury to himself or to the property in his keeping.

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