

1969 Assembly Bill 16

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**CHAPTER 77, LAWS OF 1969**

AN ACT to create 347.245 of the statutes, relating to an identification emblem on certain slow moving vehicles and granting rule-making authority.

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

347.245 of the statutes is created to read:

347.245 IDENTIFICATION EMBLEM ON CERTAIN SLOW MOVING VEHICLES. (1) It is unlawful after January 1, 1970, for any person to operate on a highway, day or night, any vehicle or equipment, animal-drawn vehicle, or any other machinery, including all road machinery, that usually travel at speeds less than 25 miles per hour, unless there is displayed on the most practicable visible rear area of the vehicle or combination of vehicles, a slow moving vehicle (SMV) emblem as described in and displayed as provided in sub. (2). Any towed vehicle or machine is exempt from this provision if the towing vehicle is visible from the rear and is in compliance with this section. All road machinery is excluded when it is engaged in actual construction or maintenance work either guarded by a flagman or clearly visible warning signs. The requirement of the emblem shall be in addition to any lighting devices required or permitted by law. Bicycles are excluded from the provisions of this section. The SMV emblem need not be displayed on vehicles moving directly across the highway.

(2) Standards and specifications for the design and position of mounting of the SMV emblem shall be established by rule of the administrator of the division of motor vehicles. The standards and specifications for SMV emblems shall correlate with and, so far as possible, conform with those approved by the American society of agricultural engineers. The administrator shall submit such standards and specifications, and any subsequent changes therein, to the assembly and senate committees on highways acting jointly for their approval.

(3) No person shall display such emblem on a roadway, except as provided in sub. (1), nor on roadside stationary objects such as mailboxes or signposts and no such emblem shall be used as a clearance marker for wide vehicles. No slow moving vehicle actually engaged in construction or maintenance guarded by a flagman or clearly visible warning signs need remove the slow moving vehicle emblem.

(4) No person shall display such emblem on any vehicle or equipment not specified in sub. (1).

(5) This section does not apply to any vehicle or combination of vehicles to the left rear of which is attached a yellow or amber flashing light at least 4 inches in diameter.

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