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AN ACT to amend 343.15 (1); and to repeal and recreate 343.15 (2) and (3) of the statutes, relating to parental sponsors for driver licenses for minors.

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

SECTION 1. 343.15 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.15 (1) The application of any person under 18 years of age for a license shall be signed and verified before a person duly authorized to administer oaths, by either of the applicant's father, if he has custody of the applicant; or if the father does not have custody, then by the mother if she has custody parents; or if neither parent has custody, then by the person or guardian having such custody or by the applicant's employer, subject to the exception stated in sub. (4). If the adult sponsor is the applicant's parent, the application may be signed and verified before a traffic officer or before a duly authorized agent of the division department in lieu of being signed and verified before a person duly authorized to administer oaths.

SECTION 2. 343.15 (2) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

343.15 (2) Any negligence or wilful misconduct of a person under the age of 18 years when operating a motor vehicle upon the highways is imputed to the parents where both have custody and either parent signed as sponsor, otherwise, it is imputed to the adult sponsor who signed the application for such person's license. The parents or the adult sponsor is jointly and severally liable with such operator for any damages caused by such negligent or wilful misconduct.

SECTION 3. 343.15 (3) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

343.15 (3) Any adult who signed the application of a person under the age of 18 years for a license may thereafter file with the

administrator a verified written request that the license of such minor be canceled. Within 10 days after the receipt of such request the administrator shall cancel the license. When the license has been so canceled, the adult who signed the application and the parents or guardian of such minor is relieved from the liability which otherwise would be imposed under sub. (2) by reason of his having signed such application, or being a parent or guardian, insofar as any negligence or wilful misconduct on the part of the minor while operating a motor vehicle subsequent to the cancellation concerned.
