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AN ACT to amend 343.05 (1), 343.135 (1) (a) 1 and (6) and 347.245 (1); and to create 343.135 (7) of the statutes, relating to qualifications for issuance and use of a special restricted operator's license.

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

SECTION 1. 343.05 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.05 (1) Except as provided in sub. (2), no person may operate a motor vehicle upon a highway in this state unless the person has a license issued to him or her by the department, which license is not revoked, suspended, canceled or expired. A valid chauffeur's license satisfies the requirements of this section only when the licensee is operating a vehicle in the performance of his or her duties as chauffeur. No person may operate a motor-driven cycle unless the person possesses a valid operator's license which has been specifically endorsed for motor-driven cycle operation. No person may operate a moped unless the person possesses a valid operator's license or a special restricted operator's license issued under s. 343.135. No person may operate a motor bicycle unless the person

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possesses a valid operator's license or a special restricted operator's license issued under s. 343.135.

SECTION 2. 343.135 (1) (a) 1 and (6) of the statutes are amended to read:

343.135 (1) (a) 1. Is at least 14 years of age and is physically disabled or is at least 16 years of age.

(6) RESTRICTIONS. The department may impose such restrictions as it deems necessary on any license issued under this section. Such restrictions may include, but are not limited to, the type of vehicle, special equipment, time of day of operation, and specific geographic areas and streets or routes of travel. A vehicle operated under this section shall display a slow moving vehicle emblem as required under s. 347.245.

SECTION 3. 343.135 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

343.135 (7) EXPIRATION; RENEWAL. A special restricted operator's license issued under this section shall expire 2 years after the date of issuance. Within 90 days prior to the expiration of a license, the holder of the restricted license may renew the license by paying the required fee and passing the examination under sub. (1) (a) 4.

SECTION 4. 347.245 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

347.245 (1) After January 1, 1970, no person may 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 or any vehicle operated under a special restricted operator's license issued under s. 343.135, 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. Mopeds and bicycles are excluded from the provisions of this section unless they are operated under a special restricted operator's license issued under s. 343.135. The SMV emblem need not be displayed on vehicles moving directly across the highway.
