

1991 Assembly Bill 134

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# 1991 WISCONSIN ACT 21

AN ACT *to amend* 343.16 (1) (a); and *to create* 343.16 (2) (cm) of the statutes, **relating to:** waiver of the driving skills test of applicants for authorization to operate certain motorcycles.

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

**SECTION 1.** 343.16 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.16 (1) (a) *General.* The department shall examine every applicant for an operator's license, including applicants for license renewal as provided in sub. (3), and every applicant for authorization to operate a vehicle class or type for which the applicant does not hold currently valid authorization, other than an instruction permit. ~~The~~ Except as provided in sub. (2) (cm) and s. 343.03 (8) (b) and (c), the examinations of applicants for licenses authorizing operation of "Class A", "Class B", "Class C", "Class D" or "Class M" vehicles shall include both a knowledge test and an actual demonstration in the form of a driving skills test of the applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a representative vehicle. The driving skills of applicants for endorsements authorizing the operation of commercial motor vehicles equipped with air brakes, the transportation of passengers in commercial motor

vehicles or the operation of school buses, as provided in s. 343.04 (2) (b), (d) or (e), shall also be tested by an actual demonstration of driving skills. The department may endorse an applicant's commercial driver license for transporting hazardous materials, or the operation of tank vehicles or vehicles towing double or triple trailers, as described in s. 343.04 (2) (a), (c) or (f), based on successful completion of a knowledge test. In administering the knowledge test, the department shall attempt to accommodate any special needs of the applicant. The knowledge test is not intended to be a test for literacy or English language proficiency. This paragraph does not prohibit the department from requiring an applicant to correctly read and understand highway signs.

**SECTION 2.** 343.16 (2) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

343.16 (2) (cm) *Motorcycle waiver.* The department shall waive the driving skills test of a person applying for authorization to operate "Class M" vehicles if the applicant holds an instruction permit under s. 343.07 (4) and has successfully completed a basic rider education course approved by the department.