1991 Assembly Bill 476

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1991 WISCONSIN ACT 249

AN ACT *to amend* 348.10 (3); and *to create* 348.10 (3m) of the statutes, **relating to:** transporting loads of junk or scrapped vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. 348.10 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.10 (3) No person shall may operate on a highway any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer carrying logs unless the logs are securely fastened to the vehicle by chains, steel cables or other attachment devices of equivalent strength whose safety is approved by the department, or unless the vehicle is equipped with stakes which are securely fastened by chains, steel cables or other attachment devices of equivalent strength whose safety is approved by the department and the top of the load is lower than the top of the stakes.

SECTION 2. 348.10 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

348.10 (**3m**) No person may operate on a highway any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer carrying junk or scrapped vehicles unless one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (a) Each junk or scrapped vehicle is securely fastened to the vehicle carrying the load by chains, steel cables or other attachment devices of equivalent strength whose safety is approved by the department. In this paragraph, "securely fastened" means that each tier of junk or scrapped vehicles is secured by at least 2 chains, steel cables or other attachment devices across the axis of its width.
- (b) The vehicle carrying the load is equipped with stakes which are securely fastened by chains, steel cables or other attachment devices of equivalent strength whose safety is approved by the department and the top of the load is lower than the top of the stakes.
- (c) The vehicle carrying the load is equipped with sides, sideboards or side stakes and with a rear endgate, endboard or rear stakes. These devices shall be of sufficient strength and height to prevent the cargo from shifting upon or falling from the vehicle. No device may have any aperture large enough to permit cargo in contact with one or more of the devices to pass through the aperture.