

## CHAPTER 167

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**167.07 Manufacture, storage and distribution of matches.** (1) No person may manufacture, store, offer for sale, sell, or otherwise dispose of or distribute, any of the following:

(a) White phosphorus, single-dipped, strike-anywhere matches of the type popularly known as “parlor matches”.

(b) White phosphorus, double-dipped, strike-anywhere matches, or other type of double-dipped matches, unless the bulb or first dip of such match is composed of a so-called safety or inert composition, nonignitable on an abrasive surface.

(c) Matches which, when packed in a carton of 500 approximate capacity and placed in an oven maintained at a constant temperature of 200 degrees Fahrenheit, will ignite in 8 hours.

(d) Blazer, or so-called wind matches, whether of the so-called safety or strike-anywhere type.

(2) (a) No person may do any of the following:

1. Offer for sale, sell or otherwise dispose of or distribute any matches, unless the package or container in which such matches are packed bears plainly marked on the outside thereof the name of the manufacturer and the brand or trademark under which such matches are sold, disposed of or distributed.

2. Open more than one case of each brand of matches of any type or manufacture at any one time in a retail store where matches are sold or otherwise disposed of.

3. Keep loose boxes or paper-wrapped packages of matches on shelves or stored in a retail store at a height exceeding 5 feet from the floor.

(b) All matches stored in warehouses, except manufacturers’ warehouses at the place of manufacture, that contain automatic sprinkler equipment shall be subject to each of the following conditions:

1. The matches shall be kept only in properly secured cases.

2. The matches shall not be piled to a height exceeding 10 feet from the floor.

3. The matches shall not be stored within a horizontal distance of 10 feet from any boiler, furnace, stove or other similar heating apparatus.

4. The matches shall not be within a horizontal distance of 25 feet from any explosive material kept or stored on the same floor.

(c) All matches shall be packed in boxes or suitable packages, containing not more than 700 matches in any one box or package. If more than 300 matches are packed in any one box or package, the matches shall be arranged in 2 nearly equal portions, with the heads of the matches in the 2 portions placed in opposite directions. All boxes containing 350 or more matches shall have placed over the matches a center holding or protecting strip, made of chipboard, not less than 1.25 inches wide and the strip shall be flanged down to hold the matches in position when the box is nested into the shuck or withdrawn from it.

(3) All match boxes or packages shall be packed in strong shipping containers or cases; maximum number of match boxes

or packages contained in any one shipping container or case, shall not exceed the following number:

Number of Boxes	Nominal Number of Matches per Box
One-half gross	700
One gross	500
Two gross	400
Three gross	300
Five gross	200
Twelve gross	100
Twenty gross	over fifty and under 100
Twenty-five gross	under 50

(4) No shipping container or case constructed of fiber board, corrugated fiber board, or wood, nailed or wirebound, shall exceed a weight, including its contents, of 75 pounds; and no lock-cornered wooden case containing matches shall have a weight, including its contents, exceeding 85 pounds; nor shall any other article or commodity be packed with matches in any such container or case; and all such containers and cases in which matches are packed shall have plainly marked on the outside of the container or case the words “Strike-Anywhere Matches” or “Strike-on-the-Box Matches”.

(5) Any person, association or corporation violating this section shall be fined for the first offense not less than \$5 nor more than \$25, and for each subsequent violation not less than \$25.

History: 1997 a. 254.

**167.10 Regulation of fireworks.** (1) DEFINITION. In this section, “fireworks” means anything manufactured, processed or packaged for exploding, emitting sparks or combustion which does not have another common use, but does not include any of the following:

(a) Fuel or a lubricant.

(b) A firearm cartridge or shotgun shell.

(c) A flare used or possessed or sold for use as a signal in an emergency or in the operation of a railway, aircraft, watercraft or motor vehicle.

(d) A match, cigarette lighter, stove, furnace, candle, lantern or space heater.

(e) A cap containing not more than one-quarter grain of explosive mixture, if the cap is used or possessed or sold for use in a device which prevents direct bodily contact with a cap when it is in place for explosion.

(f) A toy snake which contains no mercury.

(g) A model rocket engine.

(h) Tobacco and a tobacco product.

(i) A sparkler on a wire or wood stick not exceeding 36 inches in length that is designed to produce audible or visible effects or to produce audible and visible effects.

(j) A device designed to spray out paper confetti or streamers and which contains less than one-quarter grain of explosive mixture.

(k) A fuseless device that is designed to produce audible or visible effects or audible and visible effects, and that contains less than one-quarter grain of explosive mixture.

(L) A device that is designed primarily to burn pyrotechnic smoke-producing mixtures, at a controlled rate, and that produces audible or visible effects, or audible and visible effects.

(m) A cylindrical fountain that consists of one or more tubes and that is classified by the federal department of transportation as a Division 1.4 explosive, as defined in [49 CFR 173.50](#).

(n) A cone fountain that is classified by the federal department of transportation as a Division 1.4 explosive, as defined in [49 CFR 173.50](#).

(p) A novelty device that spins or moves on the ground.

**(2) SALE.** No person may sell or possess with intent to sell fireworks, unless any of the following apply:

(a) The person sells the fireworks, or possesses the fireworks with intent to sell them, to a person holding a permit under sub. **(3) (c)**.

(b) The person sells the fireworks, or possesses the fireworks with intent to sell them, to a city, village or town.

(bg) The person sells the fireworks, or possesses the fireworks with intent to sell them, to a person who is not a resident of this state.

(c) The person sells the fireworks, or possesses the fireworks with intent to sell them, for a purpose specified under sub. **(3) (b) 2. to 6.**

**(3) USE.** (a) No person may possess or use fireworks without a user's permit from the mayor of the city, president of the village or chairperson of the town in which the possession or use is to occur or from a person designated by the mayor, president or chairperson to issue a user's permit. No person may use fireworks or a device listed under sub. **(1) (e) to (g) or (i) to (n)** while attending a fireworks display for which a permit has been issued to a person listed under par. **(c) 1. to 5.** or under par. **(c) 6.** if the display is open to the general public.

(b) Paragraph **(a)** does not apply to:

1. The city, village or town, but municipal fire and law enforcement officials shall be notified of the proposed use of fireworks at least 2 days in advance.

2. The possession or use of explosives in accordance with rules or general orders of the department of safety and professional services.

3. The disposal of hazardous substances in accordance with rules adopted by the department of natural resources.

4. The possession or use of explosive or combustible materials in any manufacturing process.

5. The possession or use of explosive or combustible materials in connection with classes conducted by educational institutions.

6. A possessor or manufacturer of explosives in possession of a license or permit under [18 USC 841 to 848](#) if the possession of the fireworks is authorized under the license or permit.

7. Except as provided in par. **(bm)**, the possession of fireworks in any city, town or village while transporting the fireworks to a city, town or village where the possession of the fireworks is authorized by permit or ordinance.

8. The possession of fireworks by a person who is not a resident of this state if the person does not use the fireworks in this state.

**(bm)** Paragraph **(a)** applies to a person transporting fireworks under par. **(b) 7.** if, in the course of transporting the fireworks through a city, town, or village, the person remains in that city, town, or village for a period of at least 72 hours.

**(c)** A permit under this subsection may be issued only to the following persons:

1. A public authority.
2. A fair association.
3. An amusement park.
4. A park board.
5. A civic organization.

6. Any individual or group of individuals. A permit issued to a group of individuals confers the privileges under the permit to each member of the group.

7. An agricultural producer for the protection of crops from predatory birds or animals.

**(d)** A person issued a permit for crop protection shall erect appropriate warning signs disclosing the use of fireworks for crop protection.

**(e)** The person issuing a permit under this subsection may require an indemnity bond with good and sufficient sureties or policy of liability insurance for the payment of all claims that may arise by reason of injuries to person or property from the handling, use or discharge of fireworks under the permit. The bond or policy, if required, shall be taken in the name of the city, village or town wherein the fireworks are to be used, and any person injured thereby may bring an action on the bond or policy in the person's own name to recover the damage the person has sustained, but the aggregate liability of the surety or insurer to all persons shall not exceed the amount of the bond or policy. The bond or policy, if required, together with a copy of the permit shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the city, village or town.

**(f)** A permit under this subsection shall specify all of the following:

1. The name and address of the permit holder.
2. The date on and after which fireworks may be purchased.
3. The general kind and approximate quantity of fireworks which may be purchased.
4. The date or dates and location of permitted use.
5. Other special conditions prescribed by ordinance.

**(fm)** If a city, village, or town requires that a user's permit be signed or stamped, a person who is authorized to issue the permit under par. **(a)** may sign or stamp the permit before the permit is issued rather than signing or stamping the permit at the time that it is issued.

**(g)** A copy of a permit under this subsection shall be given to the municipal fire or law enforcement official at least 2 days before the date of authorized use. This paragraph does not apply to a permit authorizing only the sale or possession of fireworks that are classified by the federal department of transportation as Division 1.4 explosives, as defined in [49 CFR 173.50](#).

**(h)** A permit under this subsection may not be issued to a minor.

**(4) OUT-OF-STATE AND IN-STATE SHIPPING.** This section does not prohibit a vendor from selling fireworks to a nonresident person or to a person or group granted a permit under sub. **(3) (c) 1. to 7.** A vendor that ships fireworks sold under this subsection shall package and ship the fireworks in accordance with applicable state and federal law.

**(5) LOCAL REGULATION.** **(a)** Subject to pars. **(b) to (e)**, a city, village, town or county may enact an ordinance for any of the following:

1. Defining "fireworks" to include all items included under sub. **(1) (intro.)** and anything under sub. **(1) (e), (f), (i), (j), (k), (L), (m)** and **(n)**.

2. Prohibiting the sale, possession or use, as defined by ordinance, of fireworks.

3. Regulating the sale, possession or use, as defined by ordinance, of fireworks.

(b) An ordinance under par. (a) may not be less restrictive in its coverage, prohibition or regulation than this section but may be more restrictive than this section.

(d) A county ordinance enacted under par. (a) does not apply and may not be enforced within any city, village or town that has enacted or enacts an ordinance under par. (a).

(e) Notwithstanding par. (a) or par. (b), no city, village, town or county may enact an ordinance that prohibits the possession of fireworks in that city, town, village or county while transporting the fireworks to a city, town, village or county where the possession of the fireworks is authorized by permit or ordinance.

**(6) STORAGE AND HANDLING.** (a) No wholesaler, dealer or jobber may store or handle fireworks in premises unless the premises are equipped with fire extinguishers approved by the fire official of the municipality where the premises are located.

(b) No person may smoke where fireworks are stored or handled.

(c) A person who stores or handles fireworks shall notify the fire official of the municipality in which the fireworks are stored or handled of the location of the fireworks.

(d) No wholesaler, dealer or jobber may store fireworks within 50 feet of a dwelling.

(e) No person may store fireworks within 50 feet of a public assemblage or place where gasoline or volatile liquid is dispensed in quantities exceeding one gallon.

**(6m) LICENSING AND INSPECTING MANUFACTURERS.** (a) No person may manufacture in this state fireworks or a device listed under sub. (1) (e), (f) or (i) to (n) without a fireworks manufacturing license issued by the department of safety and professional services under par. (d).

(b) No person may manufacture in this state fireworks or a device listed under sub. (1) (e), (f) or (i) to (n) unless the person complies with the rules of the department of safety and professional services promulgated under par. (e).

(c) Any person who manufactures in this state fireworks or a device listed under sub. (1) (e), (f) or (i) to (n) shall provide the department of safety and professional services with a copy of each federal license issued under 18 USC 843 to that person.

(d) The department of safety and professional services shall issue a 4-year license to manufacture fireworks or devices listed under sub. (1) (e), (f), or (i) to (n) to a person who complies with the rules of the department promulgated under par. (e). The department may not issue a license to a person who does not comply with the rules promulgated under par. (e). The department may revoke a license under this subsection for the refusal to permit an inspection at reasonable times by the department or for a continuing violation of the rules promulgated under par. (e).

(e) The department of safety and professional services shall promulgate rules to establish safety standards for the manufacture in this state of fireworks and devices listed under sub. (1) (e), (f) or (i) to (n).

(f) The department of safety and professional services may inspect at reasonable times the premises on which each person licensed under this subsection manufactures fireworks or devices listed under sub. (1) (e), (f) or (i) to (n).

**(7) PARENTAL LIABILITY.** A parent, foster parent, legal guardian, or other out-of-home care provider, as defined in s. 48.02 (12r), of a minor who consents to the use of fireworks by the minor is liable for damages caused by the minor's use of the fireworks.

**(7m) MUNICIPAL LIABILITY.** No city, village, or town, or committee, official, or employee of a city, village, or town, is civilly liable for damage to any person or property caused by fireworks for the sole reason that the city, village, or town issued a permit in

accordance with the requirements of sub. (3) and any applicable requirements authorized under sub. (5), that authorized the purchase, possession, or use of the fireworks.

**(8) ENFORCEMENT.** (a) A city, village or town may petition the circuit court for an order enjoining violations of sub. (2), (3) or (6) or an ordinance adopted under sub. (5).

(b) Fireworks stored, handled, sold, possessed or used by a person who violates this section, an ordinance adopted under sub. (5) or a court order under par. (a) may be seized and held as evidence of the violation. Except as provided in s. 968.20 (4), only the fireworks that are the subject of a violation of this section, an ordinance adopted under sub. (5) or a court order under par. (a) may be destroyed after conviction for a violation. Except as provided in s. 968.20 (4), fireworks that are seized as evidence of a violation for which no conviction results shall be returned to the owner in the same condition as they were when seized to the extent practicable.

**(9) PENALTIES.** (a) A person who violates a court order under sub. (8) (a) shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than 9 months or both.

(b) A person who violates sub. (2), (3) or (6) or an ordinance adopted under sub. (5) shall forfeit not more than \$1,000.

(c) A parent or legal guardian of a minor who consents to the use of fireworks by the minor shall forfeit not more than \$1,000.

(g) Whoever violates sub. (6m) (a), (b) or (c) or a rule promulgated under sub. (6m) (e) is guilty of a Class G felony.

**History:** 1977 c. 260; 1983 a. 446, 538; 1985 a. 135; 1987 a. 377; 1987 a. 403 s. 256; 1989 a. 31; 1989 a. 56 s. 258; 1993 a. 208, 446, 491; 1995 a. 27 ss. 4464 to 4469 and 9116 (5); 1995 a. 330; 1997 a. 3, 35, 283; 2001 a. 109; 2003 a. 298; 2007 a. 20; 2009 a. 28; 2011 a. 32; 2015 a. 128; 2017 a. 59.

**NOTE:** 2003 Wis. Act 298, which created sub. (7m), contains explanatory notes.

**Cross-reference:** See also ss. SPS 305.21, 307.50, and 307.51, Wis. adm. code.

Sub. (3) (b) lists those situations for which a permit is not needed to use or possess fireworks. *City of Wisconsin Dells v. Dells Fireworks, Inc.*, 197 Wis. 2d 1, 539 N.W.2d 916 (Ct. App. 1995), 94-1999.

**167.12 Safety appliances.** Any person, firm, or corporation who shall sell, offer or expose for sale, or use any machine to be operated by steam, or other power, for the purpose of husking or shredding corn or corn stalks shall provide such machine with safety or automatic feeding devices for the protection from accident by the snapping rollers, husking rollers, and shredding knives of any person using or operating such machine in the discharge of their duty, and such machine shall be so guarded that the person feeding said machine shall be compelled to stand at a safe distance from the snapping rollers; and any person, firm, or corporation operating such machine shall maintain thereon such safety or automatic feeding devices. The duty to equip such machine with safety or automatic feeding devices, as well as the duty to maintain the same, shall be absolute; and the exercise of ordinary care on the part of such person, firm, or corporation operating such machine shall not be deemed a compliance with such duty; and in case any person in the employ of such person, firm, or corporation operating such machine continues in such employment when such device has not been installed and maintained, as above provided, such employee shall not be deemed guilty of a want of ordinary care, on account of so continuing in such employment.

**167.13 Operation.** No person, firm or corporation shall use, operate or permit to be used or operated any such machine purchased prior to June 12, 1909, unless during all the time such machine shall be used and operated it shall be in charge of a competent person whose sole duty shall be to oversee and attend to the operation and use of the same; nor use, operate or permit to be used or operated any such machine whatever while the safety devices or guards are detached.

**167.14 Sale regulated.** No such machine shall be sold or offered or exposed for sale unless the said machine shall have

plainly marked upon it the name and location of the person, firm or corporation manufacturing the same.

**167.151 Unlawful operation of corn shredders.** Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of ss. 167.12 to 167.14 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100 for each offense.

**167.18 Threshing machine joints to be covered.** Any person owning or running any threshing machine in this state so constructed that any joint, knuckle or jack thereof is dangerously exposed, who shall neglect to cover or secure the same in some suitable manner so as to prevent injury to persons passing over or near the same, shall be punished by fine not exceeding \$50 nor less than \$2.

**167.19 Farm machinery storage.** (1) Retail dealer's buildings for the storage of farm tractors, trucks and motorized farm machinery may be metal covered, pole type or frame and if other than metal or concrete covered shall not be closer than 30 feet to any other building. If the building is more than 50 feet in length it shall have more than one door.

(2) Motor fuel and storage batteries must be removed from units stored in such buildings, and any repairing or overhauling of the units in such buildings is prohibited.

**167.20 Stairway guards.** (1) The owner of any building or other structure which has an open stairway or area way leading to or abutting upon any sidewalk, and the owner of any real estate adjacent to or abutting upon any sidewalk and which is lower than such sidewalk, shall sufficiently guard such stairway or area way or property as to prevent accidents.

(2) Any person who violates this section shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 or imprisoned for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months. Each day during which a violation of this section continues shall be considered a separate offense.

**History:** 1997 a. 254.

**167.21 Movable soccer goals.** (1) In this section:

(a) "Commission" means the federal consumer product safety commission.

(b) "Department" means the department of safety and professional services.

(c) "Movable soccer goal" means a freestanding structure that consists of at least 2 upright posts, a crossbar, and support bars and that is designed to be used as a soccer goal and to be movable to different locations.

(2) The department shall promulgate rules that establish safety standards for anchoring and securing, and using counterweights on, movable soccer goals. The standards shall be consistent with guidelines for movable soccer goal safety published by the commission in January 1995.

(3) No person may erect a movable soccer goal on public land unless the person erects the goal in the manner required by the rules promulgated under sub. (2).

(4) A person who violates sub. (3) is subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$500.

**History:** 2009 a. 390; 2011 a. 32.

**Cross-reference:** See also ch. SPS 309, Wis. adm. code.

**167.22 Cigars not to be manufactured in basements.**

No shop or place wherein cigars are manufactured shall be located below the ground floor.

**167.25 Refrigerators and iceboxes.** (1) Any person who discards or abandons any refrigerator, icebox or deep freeze locker, having a capacity of 1 1/2 cubic feet or more, which is no longer in use, and which has not had the door removed, or such portion of the latch mechanism removed to prevent latching or locking of the door, is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any owner, lessee or manager who knowingly permits such a refrigerator, icebox or

deep freeze locker to remain on premises under his or her control without having the door removed or such portion of the latch mechanism removed to prevent latching or locking of the door is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person violating this section shall be fined not more than \$50 or imprisoned not more than 30 days or both.

(2) Guilt of a violation of this section shall not, in itself, render one guilty of manslaughter, battery or other crime against a person who may suffer death or injury from entrapment in such refrigerator, icebox or deep freeze locker.

**History:** 1993 a. 482.

**167.26 Leaving unguarded ice holes.** (1b) In this section:

(a) "Nonprofit membership corporation" means a corporation as described in s. 779.70 (1).

(b) "Qualified lake association" means an association that meets the qualifications under s. 281.68 (3m) (a).

(c) "Water quality project" means a project that improves water quality, including a project that improves fish habitat or that reduces or prevents any of the following:

1. Blue-green algae.

2. The release of anoxic gases or nutrients.

(1g) Except as provided in sub. (1m), any person who removes ice or causes its removal from any stream, pond or lake shall place around the margin of the opening made by such removal a fence, by setting posts of not less than 2 by 4 in size with any of the following fencings:

(a) A fence board attached not less than 3 1/2 feet above the surface of the ice on the stream, pond or lake.

(b) Colored plastic construction roll fencing attached to the posts.

(1m) Instead of the requirements under sub. (1g), any person who removes ice or causes its removal from Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Poygan, Lake Winnebago or Lake Winneconne for the spearing of sturgeon may mark the opening made by the removal without using fencing if the person uses at least 2 strips of wood that protrude at least 3 feet above the surface of the ice. The strips of wood may not exceed approximately 1.5 inches in width and approximately 0.25 inch in thickness.

(2) (a) Instead of the requirements under sub. (1g), any person creating ice holes by aeration of water may do any of the following:

1. Erect and maintain a barricade around the holes consisting of uprights that are spaced at adequate intervals to maintain the barricade and that are connected by a continuous rope, cord, or similar material placed at least 2.5 feet and not more than 4.5 feet off the surface.

2. Erect and maintain a visual warning mechanism that is highly visible and that is reflectorized, fluorescent, or lighted.

(b) The connecting rope, cord, or similar material specified in par. (a) 1. shall have reflectorized, fluorescent, or lighted ribbon or tape or other reflectorized devices attached to it, so as to be highly visible, and shall be of sufficient strength to permit retrieval of the barricade following melting of the ice.

(c) Any person erecting a barricade or warning mechanism under this subsection shall remove the barricade and all parts of the barricade or mechanism immediately after the ice has melted.

(2m) (a) Instead of the requirements under subs. (1g) and (2), any public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district or any nonprofit membership corporation that is creating ice holes for a lake by aeration of water for purposes of a water quality project that has been approved by the department of natural resources may provide alternative warning methods by doing all of the following:

1. Posting highly visible warning notices at each shoreline area through which the public has access to the lake.

2. Providing a written warning notice to each owner of riparian property on the lake.

(b) Each warning notice placed by a public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district or a nonprofit membership corporation under par. (a) 1. shall meet all of the following requirements:

1. The size, lettering, and format of each notice shall be designed so as to make the notice readable by the public at a distance of 60 feet.

2. Each notice shall contain the wording “DANGER — OPEN WATER,” “WARNING — ICE HOLES,” or “DANGER — THIN ICE” or wording of a similar nature.

3. Each notice shall replicate the wording required under subd. 2. so that the wording on each notice is visible from the shoreline and from the water.

4. Each notice shall be made of durable material and lettering and shall be replaced as necessary so that the notice remains readable throughout the winter season.

5. The notices shall be placed no later than December 15 of each winter season.

(c) The written notices provided to each owner of riparian property by a public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district or a nonprofit membership corporation under par. (a) 2. shall be provided no later than December 15 of each winter season.

(3) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), a person barricading or marking an ice hole or opening in the manner specified in this section, or erecting a warning device or posting a notice for an ice hole or opening in the manner specified in this section, shall be exempt from liability for injury to or the death of any person or for damage to any property that results from creating the ice hole or opening.

(b) Except as provided in par. (c), a member of a qualified lake association or of a nonprofit membership corporation shall be exempt from any liability incurred by the qualified lake association or nonprofit membership corporation in creating an ice hole or opening that is subject to the barricading, fencing, or warning requirements under this section.

(c) Any riparian property owner who is aware of the existence of an ice hole or opening in the stream, pond, or lake to which his or her riparian property abuts shall not be exempt from liability as provided in par. (a) if the owner fails to warn a person to whom the owner has given permission to cross the property in order to have access to the stream, pond, or lake by doing one of the following:

1. Directly warning the person of the existence of the ice hole or opening.

2. Posting a warning notice on the property that complies with the requirements specified under sub. (2m) (b) 1. to 5.

(4) This section shall not apply to ice holes caused by hydroelectric dams or by air bubbler systems installed by the corps of engineers for navigational purposes.

(5) This section shall apply to all navigable or public waters of the state.

(6) Any person violating sub. (1g), (1m), (2), or (2m) shall be imprisoned for not more than 6 months or fined not more than \$100. Any person who removes a barricade, fencing, a warning notice, or a warning mechanism or other barrier or marking that complies with this section during the period beginning with December 15 of a given year and ending on March 30 of the following year may be imprisoned for not more than 6 months or fined not more than \$100.

**History:** 1975 c. 296; 1987 a. 27; 1991 a. 269; 1993 a. 133, 213, 491; 1997 a. 167; 2005 a. 395.

### 167.27 Capping and filling wells or similar structures.

(1) This section applies only to counties of a population of 750,000 or more.

(2) The owner of any real estate shall securely protect any well, seepage pit, cistern, cesspool, septic tank, or other similar structures in active use with a cover of concrete, metal or wood

covered with sheet metal, securely fastened and of sufficient weight so it cannot be removed by small children and so as to make it free from danger to persons going upon such real estate.

(3) Whenever any shallow dug well, seepage pit, cistern, cesspool or septic tank is abandoned or its use discontinued, the owner of the real estate upon which it is located shall promptly fill the same to grade.

(4) Whenever any drilled, bored or deep dug well, except test wells of 10 inches or less in diameter, is abandoned or its use discontinued, the owner of the real estate upon which it is located shall promptly fill the same, either with alternate layers of sand or clay and concrete, and seal with a concrete cover at least 5 inches thick, or in accordance with recommendations of the department of health services.

(5) Whenever any mine shaft, exploration shaft or test well is abandoned or its use discontinued, the operator or contractor shall promptly fill same to grade or enclose the same with a fence of strong woven wire not less than 46 inches wide with one barbwire above or cap same with a reinforced concrete slab at least 6 inches thick or with a native boulder at least 3 times the diameter of the top of the shaft or test well bore. The strands of the woven wire shall not be smaller than No. 12 wire and the cross wires and meshes shall not be smaller than No. 16 wire; the strands shall not be more than 12 inches apart, and the meshes shall not exceed 8 inches square. All wires must be tightly stretched and securely fastened to sufficient posts firmly set not more than 8 feet apart. In case any person shall neglect to repair or rebuild such fence which the person is so required to build and maintain, any person may complain to the department of safety and professional services or to the local governing body, which shall give notice in writing to the person who is required to build and maintain such fence. The department of safety and professional services or the local governing body shall then proceed to examine the fence, and if it shall determine that such fence is insufficient, it shall notify the person responsible for its erection and maintenance and direct the person to repair or rebuild the fence within such time as it shall deem reasonable. Any person refusing to comply with such order shall be subject to the penalties provided.

(6) Existing abandoned mine shafts, exploration shafts or test wells shall be securely protected by owner of the real estate upon which it is located.

(7) Any person violating this section shall be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$200 or imprisoned not exceeding 6 months, or both.

(8) Any violation of this section coming to the attention of the department of safety and professional services or municipal authorities shall be reported to the attorney general or district attorney for prosecution.

**History:** 1993 a. 482; 1995 a. 27 ss. 4471, 4472, 9116 (5) and 9126 (19); 2007 a. 20 s. 9121 (6) (a); 2011 a. 32; 2017 a. 207 s. 5.

**167.30 Use of firearms, etc., near park, etc.** (1) Any person who shall discharge or cause the discharge of any missile from any firearm, slung shot, bow and arrow or other weapon, within 40 rods of any public park, square or enclosure owned or controlled by any municipality within this state and resorted to for recreation or pleasure, when such park, square or enclosure is wholly situated without the limits of such municipality, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 60 days or by fine of not more than \$25 nor less than one dollar.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to the discharge of a firearm if the actor’s conduct is justified or, had it been subject to a criminal penalty, would have been subject to a defense described in s. 939.45.

**History:** 2011 a. 35.

### 167.31 Safe use and transportation of firearms and bows.

(1) DEFINITIONS. In this section:

(a) “Aircraft” has the meaning given under s. 114.002 (3).

(am) “Airgun” has the meaning given in s. 29.001 (7).

(b) “Encased” means enclosed in a case that is completely zipped, snapped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened with no part of the firearm exposed.

(bg) “Family member of the landowner” means a person who is related to the landowner as a parent, child, spouse, or sibling.

(bn) “Farm tractor” has the meaning given in s. 340.01 (16).

(c) “Firearm” means a weapon that acts by force of gunpowder.

(cm) “Handgun” has the meaning given in s. 175.60 (1) (bm).

(d) “Highway” has the meaning given under s. 340.01 (22).

(dm) “Implement of husbandry” has the meaning given in s. 340.01 (24).

(e) “Motorboat” has the meaning given under s. 30.50 (6).

(em) “Peace officer” has the meaning given in s. 939.22 (22).

(et) “Private security person” has the meaning given in s. 440.26 (1m).

(f) “Roadway” has the meaning given under s. 340.01 (54).

(fg) “Stationary” means not moving, regardless of whether the motor is running.

(fm) “Street” means a highway that is within the corporate limits of a city or village.

(fr) “Transmission facility” means any pipe, pipeline, duct, wire, cable, line, conduit, pole, tower, equipment, or other structure used to transmit or distribute electricity to or for the public or to transmit or distribute communications or data to or from the public.

(g) “Unloaded” means any of the following:

1. Having no shell or cartridge in the chamber of a firearm or in the magazine attached to a firearm.

2. In the case of a cap lock muzzle-loading firearm, having the cap removed.

3. In the case of a flint lock muzzle-loading firearm, having the flashpan cleaned of powder.

4. In the case of an electronic ignition muzzle-loading firearm, having the battery removed and disconnected from the firearm.

(h) “Vehicle” has the meaning given in s. 340.01 (74), but includes a snowmobile, as defined in s. 340.01 (58a), an all-terrain vehicle, as defined in s. 340.01 (2g), an electric scooter, as defined in s. 340.01 (15ps), and an electric personal assistive mobility device, as defined in s. 340.01 (15pm), except that for purposes of subs. (4) (c) and (cg) and (4m) “vehicle” has the meaning given for “motor vehicle” in s. 29.001 (57).

**(2) PROHIBITIONS; MOTORBOATS AND VEHICLES; HIGHWAYS AND ROADWAYS.** (a) Except as provided in sub. (4), no person may place, possess, or transport a firearm, bow, or crossbow in or on a motorboat with the motor running, unless one of the following applies:

1. The firearm is unloaded or is a handgun.
2. The bow does not have an arrow nocked.
3. The crossbow is not cocked or is unloaded.

(b) Except as provided in sub. (4), no person may place, possess, or transport a firearm, bow, or crossbow in or on a vehicle, unless one of the following applies:

1. The firearm is unloaded or is a handgun.
2. The bow does not have an arrow nocked.
3. The crossbow is not cocked or is unloaded.

(c) Except as provided in sub. (4), no person may load a firearm, other than a handgun, in a vehicle or discharge a firearm or airgun or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow in or from a vehicle.

(d) Except as provided in sub. (4) (a), (bg), (cg), (e), (fm), (g), and (k), no person may discharge a firearm or airgun or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow from or across a highway or within 50 feet of the center of a roadway.

(e) A person who violates pars. (a) to (d) is subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$100.

**(3) PROHIBITIONS; AIRCRAFT.** (a) Except as provided in sub. (4), no person may do any of the following:

1. Place, possess, or transport a firearm, bow, or crossbow in or on a commercial aircraft, unless the firearm is unloaded and encased or unless the bow or crossbow is unstrung or is enclosed in a carrying case.

2. Place, possess, or transport a firearm, bow, or crossbow in or on a noncommercial aircraft, unless the firearm is unloaded and encased or the firearm is a handgun or unless the bow or crossbow is unstrung or is enclosed in a carrying case.

(b) Except as provided in sub. (4), no person may load or discharge a firearm or airgun or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow in or from an aircraft.

(c) A person who violates par. (a) or (b) shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than 90 days or both.

**(3m) PROHIBITIONS; TRANSMISSION FACILITIES.** (a) Except as provided in sub. (4) (b) and (h), no person may intentionally discharge a firearm or airgun in the direction of a transmission facility.

(b) A person who violates par. (a) and causes damage to a transmission facility is subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$100.

(c) In addition to any forfeiture imposed under par. (b), the court shall revoke any hunting license under ch. 29 that is issued to the person found in violation for a period of one year.

(d) In addition to any forfeiture imposed under par. (b) and the revocation required under par. (c), the court shall enter a restitution order that requires the defendant to pay to the owner of the transmission facility the reasonable cost of the repair or replacement of the transmission facility.

**(4) EXCEPTIONS.** (a) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply to any of the following who, in the line of duty, place, possess, transport, load or discharge a firearm or airgun in, on or from a vehicle, motorboat or aircraft or discharge a firearm or airgun from or across a highway or within 50 feet of the center of a roadway:

2. A member of the U.S. armed forces.
3. A member of the national guard.
4. A private security person who meets all of the following requirements:

a. He or she holds either a private detective license issued under s. 440.26 (2) (a) 2. or a private security permit issued under s. 440.26 (5).

b. He or she holds a certificate of proficiency to carry a firearm issued by the department of safety and professional services.

c. He or she is performing his or her assigned duties or responsibilities.

d. He or she is wearing a uniform that clearly identifies him or her as a private security person.

e. His or her firearm is in plain view, as defined by rule by the department of safety and professional services.

(ag) Subsection (2) (b) does not apply to a firearm, bow, or crossbow that is placed or possessed on a vehicle that is stationary.

(am) 1. Subsections (2) (a), (c) and (d) and (3) (a) and (b) do not apply to a peace officer who, in the line of duty, loads or discharges a firearm or airgun in, on or from a vehicle, motorboat or aircraft or discharges a firearm or airgun from or across a highway or within 50 feet of the center of a roadway.

2. Subsection (2) (b) does not apply to a peace officer who places, possesses or transports a firearm in or on a vehicle, motorboat or aircraft while in the line of duty.

3. Subsection (2) (b) does not apply to a person employed as a peace officer who places, possesses or transports a firearm in or on a vehicle while traveling in the vehicle from his or her residence to his or her place of employment as a peace officer.

(at) Subsections (2) (c) and (d) and (3) (b) do not apply to the discharge of a firearm or airgun if the actor’s conduct is justified or, had it been subject to a criminal penalty, would have been subject to a defense described in s. 939.45.

(b) Subsections (2) (a), (b) and (c), (3) (a) and (b), and (3m) do not apply to the holder of a scientific research license under s. 169.25 or a scientific collector permit under s. 29.614 who is using a net gun or tranquilizer gun in an activity related to the purpose for which the license or permit was issued.

(bg) 1. Subsection (2) (a), (b), (c), and (d) does not apply to a state employee or agent, or to a federal employee or agent, who is acting within the scope of his or her employment or agency, who is authorized by the department of natural resources to take animals in the wild for the purpose of controlling the spread of disease in animals and who is hunting in an area designated by the department of natural resources as a chronic wasting disease eradication zone, except that this subdivision does not authorize the discharge of a firearm or the shooting of a bolt or arrow from a bow or crossbow across a state trunk highway, county trunk highway, or paved town highway.

1g. Subsection (2) (b) and (c) does not apply to a landowner, a family member of the landowner, or an employee of the landowner who is using a firearm, bow, or crossbow to shoot wild animals from a farm tractor or an implement of husbandry on the landowner's land that is located in an area designated by the department of natural resources as a chronic wasting disease eradication zone.

2. This paragraph does not apply after June 30, 2010.

(bn) Subsection (2) (a) does not apply to a person using a bow or a crossbow for fishing from a motorboat.

(bt) Subsection (2) (b) does not apply to the placement, possession, or transportation of an unloaded firearm in or on a vehicle if all of the following apply:

1. The vehicle is a self-propelled motor vehicle with 4 rubber-tired wheels.

2. The vehicle is not certified by the manufacturer for on-road use.

3. The vehicle is not an all-terrain vehicle, as defined in s. 340.01 (2g).

4. The vehicle is being used to transport individuals involved in sport shooting activities at sport shooting ranges, as defined in s. 895.527 (1), and is not being used to transport individuals involved in hunting.

5. The vehicle is being operated entirely on private property and is not being operated in the right-of-way of any highway.

(c) Subsection (2) (b) and (c) does not apply to the holder of a Class A or Class B permit under s. 29.193 (2) who is hunting from a stationary vehicle.

(cg) A holder of a Class A or Class B permit under s. 29.193 (2) who is hunting from a stationary vehicle may load and discharge a firearm or airgun or shoot a bolt or an arrow within 50 feet of the center of a roadway if all of the following apply:

1. The roadway is part of a county highway, a town highway or any other highway that is not part of a street or of a state trunk or federal highway.

2. The vehicle is located off the roadway and is not in violation of any prohibition or restriction that applies to the parking, stopping or standing of the vehicle under ss. 346.51 to 346.55 or under a regulation enacted under s. 349.06 or 349.13.

3. The holder of the permit is not hunting game to fill the tag of another person.

4. The holder of the permit has obtained permission from any person who is the owner or lessee of private property across or on to which the holder of the permit intends to discharge a firearm or airgun or shoot a bolt or an arrow.

5. The vehicle bears special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), or (1m) or displays a sign that is at least 11 inches square on which is conspicuously written "disabled hunter".

6. The holder of the permit discharges the firearm or airgun or shoots the bolt or arrow away from and not across or parallel to the roadway.

(cm) For purposes of pars. (c) and (cg), the exemption from sub. (2) (b) under these paragraphs only applies to the firearm, bow or crossbow being used for hunting by the holder of the Class A or Class B permit under s. 29.193 (2).

(co) For purposes of par. (cg), a person may stop a vehicle off the roadway on the left side of the highway.

(cr) For purposes of par. (cg) 4., "private property" does not include property leased for hunting by the public, land that is subject to a contract under subch. I of ch. 77, or land that is subject to an order designating it as managed forest land under subch. VI of ch. 77 and that is not designated as closed to the public under s. 77.83 (1).

(d) Subsection (2) (b) does not prohibit a person from leaning an unloaded firearm against a vehicle.

(e) Subsection (2) (d) does not apply to a person who is legally hunting small game with a muzzle-loading firearm or with a firearm or airgun loaded with shotshell or chilled shot number BB or smaller, if the surface of the highway or roadway is anything other than concrete or blacktop.

(f) Subsection (2) (d) does not prohibit a person from possessing a loaded firearm or airgun within 50 feet of the center of a roadway if the person does not violate sub. (2) (b) or (c).

(fm) Subsection (2) (d) does not prohibit the department of natural resources, acting under s. 29.885, or an agent of a city, village, town, or county authorized by the department of natural resources under s. 29.885 from discharging a firearm or airgun within 50 feet of the center of a roadway in order to dispose of a beaver or muskrat that is causing damage to a highway in which the roadway is located if the discharge does not pose a risk to public safety.

(g) A person who is fishing with a bow and arrow may shoot an arrow from a bow, and a person who is fishing with a crossbow may shoot a bolt from a crossbow, within 50 feet of the center of a roadway if the person does not shoot the arrow or bolt from the roadway or across a highway.

(h) Subsection (3m) does not apply to any of the following who discharge a firearm or airgun in the direction of a transmission facility:

1. A member of the armed forces in the line of duty.

2. A member of the national guard in the line of duty.

3. A peace officer in the line of duty.

4. A private security person who meets all of the requirements under par. (a) 4.

(i) Subsection (2) (b) and (c) does not apply to a person legally hunting from a stationary nonmotorized vehicle that is not attached to a motor vehicle.

(j) Subsection (2) (b) and (c) does not apply to a person legally hunting from a stationary motor vehicle if the person is hunting from a part of the vehicle or a piece of equipment attached to the vehicle that is raised by mechanical means not fewer than 5 feet above the ground or above the lowered resting position of the part or piece of equipment, whichever is higher.

(k) Subsection (2) does not apply to designated personnel at a public-use airport, as defined in s. 114.002 (18m), or an airport under the exclusive control of the national guard or U.S. department of defense, for the purposes of nuisance wildlife management and control when authorized by state or federal permits. "Designated personnel" includes any person who is acting within the scope of his or her employment or employer and who is an employee or contractor of the airport or the local government that operates the airport or a federal employee or agent.

**(4m) RULES.** The department of natural resources may further restrict hunting from stationary vehicles on county or town highways by promulgating rules designating certain county and town highways, or portions thereof, upon which a holder of a Class A or Class B permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) may not discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow under sub. (4) (cg). For each restriction of hunting from a county or town highway contained in a rule to be promulgated under this subsec-

tion, the department shall submit a specific justification for the restriction with the rule submitted to legislative council staff for review under s. 227.15 (1).

(5) **WEAPONS SURCHARGE.** (a) If a court imposes a fine or forfeiture for a violation of this section, the court shall also impose a weapons surcharge under ch. 814 equal to 75 percent of the amount of the fine or forfeiture.

(b) If a fine or forfeiture is suspended in whole or in part, the weapons surcharge shall be reduced in proportion to the suspension.

(c) If any deposit is made for an offense to which this subsection applies, the person making the deposit shall also deposit a sufficient amount to include the weapons surcharge under this subsection. If the deposit is forfeited, the amount of the weapons surcharge shall be transmitted to the secretary of administration under par. (d). If the deposit is returned, the amount of the weapons surcharge shall also be returned.

(d) The clerk of the circuit court shall collect and transmit to the county treasurer the weapons surcharge as required under s. 59.40 (2) (m). The county treasurer shall then pay the secretary of administration as provided in s. 59.25 (3) (f) 2. The secretary of administration shall deposit all amounts received under this paragraph in the conservation fund to be appropriated under s. 20.370 (3) (mu).

**History:** 1985 a. 36; 1987 a. 27, 353; 1991 a. 77; 1993 a. 147; 1995 a. 122, 201; 1997 a. 248, 249; 1999 a. 32, 158; 2001 a. 8, 56, 90, 108; 2003 a. 33, 139, 326; 2005 a. 169, 253, 286, 345; 2007 a. 97; 2009 a. 246; 2011 a. 32, 35, 51, 180, 265; 2017 a. 171; 2019 a. 11, 98; 2021 a. 62; 2021 a. 238 s. 44; 2023 a. 51, 115.

**Cross-reference:** See also ss. NR 10.001, 10.05, and 10.07, Wis. adm. code.

Sub. (2) (b) and s. 941.23 (2) are not in conflict. The defendant could have complied with both by either obtaining a license to carry a concealed weapon under s. 175.60 or by placing the loaded handgun out of reach. *State v. Grandberry*, 2018 WI 29, 380 Wis. 2d 541, 910 N.W.2d 214, 16–0173.

**167.32 Safety at sporting events. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

(a) “Alcohol beverages” means fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquor.

(b) “Facility” means building or stadium.

(c) “Fermented malt beverages” has the meaning designated in s. 125.02 (6).

(d) “Intoxicating liquor” has the meaning designated in s. 125.02 (8).

(e) “Passing” includes pushing, pulling, throwing and moving.

(f) “Sports facility” means a facility where sporting events are held, regardless of whether that is the exclusive use of the facility.

(2) **BODY PASSING.** (a) A spectator at a sporting event at a sports facility shall not participate in the process of passing another person above the floor or ground from one location to another.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to the act of a person moving another person in order to render first aid or otherwise assist or care for that other person.

(3) **OBJECT PASSING.** A spectator at a sporting event at a sports facility shall not participate in the process of passing bleachers, seats or other objects in a manner which threatens the safety of other persons.

(4) **ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION.** (a) A spectator shall not bring alcohol beverages into a sports facility where there is a sporting event at the sports facility.

(b) A spectator shall not possess or consume alcohol beverages at a sporting event at a sports facility if the alcohol beverages were brought to the facility as specified in par. (a).

(c) This subsection does not apply to any vendor or other person who brings alcohol beverages into a sports facility with the authorization of the person in charge of the facility.

(5) **FORFEITURE.** Any person who violates sub. (2), (3) or (4) shall forfeit \$50.

(6) **CITATION PROCEDURE.** The state may use the citation procedures under s. 778.25 to enforce this section. A county or municip-

ality may use the citation procedures under s. 778.25 to enforce a local ordinance strictly conforming to this section.

**History:** 1985 a. 254.

**167.33 Alpine sports. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

(ac) “Affiliate” means:

1. With respect to a partnership, each partner thereof.  
2. With respect to a limited liability company, each member thereof.

3. With respect to a corporation, each officer, director, principal stockholder, and controlling member thereof.

(ag) “Alpine sport” means skiing, sledding, biking, or tubing.

(ar) “Biking” means riding a bicycle within a ski area after purchasing or receiving a ticket, pass, or license from the ski area operator.

(b) “Competition” means any event authorized by a ski area operator, or by an agent of a ski area operator, that involves a comparison of skills used in one or more alpine sports. “Competition” includes training sessions for such an event.

(dm) “Freestyle terrain” means an area that includes half-pipes, terrain parks, terrain gardens, freestyle courses, or other terrain features. Freestyle terrain does not include an area groomed with natural and man-made surface variations to aid new skiers in learning to ski or natural or man-made mogul fields.

(e) “Hazard” means any man-made or natural obstacle or hazard. “Hazard” includes ridges, sharp corners, jumps, bumps, moguls, valleys, dips, cliffs, ravines, and bodies of water.

(f) “Lift” means any aerial tramway or lift, a surface lift, a tow, or a conveyor used by a ski area operator to transport participants in alpine sports at a ski area.

(g) “Participant in an alpine sport” means an individual who has a pass or ticket to engage in an alpine sport and who is engaged in an alpine sport or is walking or otherwise traveling within a ski area for purposes of engaging in the sport. “Participant in an alpine sport” also means an individual who is present at a ski area to observe others engaged in an alpine sport or who is a passenger on a lift. “Participant in an alpine sport” includes an individual that is an employee of a ski area operator when he or she is acting outside the scope of his or her employment.

(h) “Ski area” means trails, terrains, and other outdoor areas that are used by individuals engaged in alpine sports and that is administered as a single enterprise by a ski area operator.

(i) “Ski area infrastructure” means lifts and any associated components, snowmaking equipment and any associated components, and utility structures, buildings, huts, signs, lift mazes, fences, or other structures located within a ski area.

(j) “Ski area operator” means a person that owns or is responsible for operating a ski area or its affiliates. “Ski area operator” includes the employees and agents of a ski area operator.

(k) “Ski area vehicle” means a motorized vehicle used in the operation and maintenance of a ski area or used as transportation within a ski area.

(L) “Skiing” means downhill skiing, alpine skiing, nordic skiing, cross-country skiing, ski biking, telemarking, snowshoeing, or snowboarding.

(m) “Sledding” means sliding down a prepared course on sleds, toboggans, or comparable devices. “Sledding” excludes tubing.

(n) “Snowmaking equipment” includes pipes, hoses, hydrants, snow guns, fans, wands, pumps, and any other equipment associated with making snow.

(om) “Terrain features” means man-made features that include boxes, jumps, hits, jibs, rails, rollers, half pipes, picnic tables, logs, and pipes.

(p) “Tree skiing area” means an area open to skiing, that is not groomed for skiing, and that is forested.

(q) “Tubing” means sliding down a prepared course on inflatable tubes, minibobs, or comparable devices.



(2) **CONDITIONS AND RISKS OF ALPINE SPORTS.** For purposes of this section, conditions and risks consist of all of the following:

- (a) Changes in weather or visibility.
- (b) The presence of surface or subsurface conditions, including any of the following:
  1. Snow, ice, crust, slush, soft spots, holes, grooves, bare spots, mud, loose dirt, cuts, rocks, boulders, water, puddles, creeks, streams, cliffs, drop-offs, or tracks from foot traffic or ski area vehicles.
  2. Forest growth or debris, including stumps, logs, or brush.
- (c) Ridges, sharp corners, bumps, moguls, valleys, rollers, dips, cliffs, ravines, and double fall lines.
- (d) Variations in the difficulty of terrain, surface conditions, or subsurface conditions on a single trail or terrain or among trails or terrains that are designated the same level of difficulty at the ski area or at another ski area.
- (e) The risk of injury or death on trails and terrains that fall away or drop off toward hazards.
- (f) The risk of collision with other participants in alpine sports, employees of a ski area operator, or ski area infrastructure.
- (g) Variation in the location, construction, configuration, or steepness of trails or terrains.
- (h) The greater risk of collision, injury, or death in treed areas, in areas where competitions are held, and in areas of freestyle terrain.

(3) **DUTIES OF SKI AREA OPERATORS; SIGNAGE; NOTICE.** (a) *Notice on tickets required.* Except as provided in par. (am), each ski area operator shall print on each ticket or season pass that it issues to participants in alpine sports the following warning:

“WARNING: Under Wisconsin law, each participant in an alpine sport assumes the risk of injury or death to person or injury to property resulting from the conditions and risks that are considered to be inherent in an alpine sport, has a number of duties that must be met while engaging in an alpine sport, and is subject to limitations on the ability to recover damages from a ski area operator for injuries or death to a person or to property. A complete copy of this law is available for review at the main site where tickets to this ski area are sold.”

(am) *Exemption.* A ski area operator may sell, distribute, and use tickets or season passes printed before March 2, 2016, until its stock of those tickets or passes are exhausted. A ski area operator that sells, distributes, or uses such tickets or passes shall post a notice at each location where the tickets or passes are sold, distributed, or used that informs each recipient of the ticket or pass that he or she is engaging in an alpine sport, as defined in s. 167.33 (1) (ag), and that the definition for snow sport, as used on the ticket or pass, has been amended. The notice shall indicate that a complete copy of s. 167.33 is available for review at the main site where the ski area operator sells tickets.

(b) *Signs required; generally.* Each ski area operator shall post and maintain the following signs:

1. A sign that is at least 10 square feet in size at or near each of the sites where tickets to the ski area are sold, at or near each of the entrances or lift loading areas for areas that are open to alpine sports, and at or near each area open to sledding, biking, or tubing which is not served by a lift. The sign shall contain the following warning:

“WARNING — ASSUMPTION OF RISKS: Under Wisconsin law, each participant in an alpine sport is considered to have accepted and to have knowledge of the risk of injury or death to person or injury to property that may result. Under Wisconsin law, each participant in an alpine sport has the duty to take the precautions that are necessary to avoid injury or death to person or injury to property. Wisconsin law sets forth certain other limitations on the liability of ski area operators for injuries or death to person or injury to property. A complete copy of this law is available for review at the main site where tickets to this ski area are sold.”

2. A sign that is at least 3 square feet in size at or near each of the sites where tickets to the ski area are sold that contains the words: “Helmets are recommended” or “Consider wearing a helmet.”

(c) *Copies of law.* Each ski area operator shall post and maintain a current copy of all of the provisions of this section at the main site where tickets to the ski area are sold and shall make a copy of it for any individual upon request.

(d) *Signs required; skiing or sledding areas.* In addition to the sign required under par. (b), each ski area operator shall post and maintain a sign that is at least 10 square feet in size at or near each entrance to a loading area of a lift that serves areas open to skiing or sledding. The sign shall contain the following warning:

“WARNING — DUTIES OF INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN SKIING OR SLEDDING: Under Wisconsin law, each individual engaged in skiing or sledding has a duty to do all of the following:

1. Obey all posted warnings and signs.
2. Keep off of closed trails and out of closed areas.
3. Know the range of his or her ability and engage in skiing or sledding within that ability.
4. Assess the difficulty of the trails and terrains that are open to skiing or sledding.
5. Maintain control of his or her speed and direction.
6. Be able to stop or avoid other individuals or objects.
7. Yield to other individuals engaged in skiing or sledding who are ahead or who are down the slope.
8. Not stop at a point that will result in the individual obstructing a trail or not being visible from above.
9. Yield to other individuals engaged in skiing or sledding who are uphill when starting downhill or when merging onto a trail.
10. Be able to safely board, ride, and disembark any lift serving an area open to skiing or sledding.
11. Board and disembark a lift only at designated sites.”

(e) *Signs required; tubing areas.* In addition to the sign required under par. (b), each ski area operator shall post and maintain a sign that is at least 10 square feet in size at or near each entrance to a loading area of a lift that serves areas open to tubing or at or near an entrance of an area open to tubing that is not served by a lift. The sign shall contain the following warning:

“WARNING — DUTIES OF INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN TUBING: Under Wisconsin law, each individual engaged in tubing has a duty to do all of the following:

1. Obey all posted warnings and signs.
2. Keep out of closed areas.
3. Know the range of his or her ability and engage in tubing within that ability.
4. Assess the difficulty of the terrain that is open to tubing.
5. Maintain control of the speed and direction of the tube or other device that is being used.
6. Comply with any posted limits imposed on the number of passengers or on the amount of weight of the tube or other device while it is being ridden.
7. Be able to safely board, ride, and disembark any lift serving an area open to tubing.
8. Board and disembark a lift only at designated sites.
9. Yield to other individuals engaged in tubing who are ahead or who are down the slope.
10. Look uphill and yield to oncoming tubes before leaving the bottom of the hill at the end of a run.

(em) *Signs required; biking areas.* In addition to the sign required under par. (b), each ski area operator offering biking shall post and maintain a sign that is at least 10 square feet in size at or near each entrance to a loading area of a lift that serves areas open to biking or at or near an entrance of an area open to biking that

is not served by a lift. The sign shall contain the following warning:

“WARNING — DUTIES OF INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN BIKING: Under Wisconsin law, each individual engaged in biking has a duty to do all of the following:

1. Obey all posted warnings and signs.
2. Keep out of closed areas.
3. Know the range of his or her ability and engage in biking within that ability.
4. Assess the difficulty of the trails and terrains, including natural and man-made features, that are open to biking. Where possible, walk the trail or features prior to biking.
5. Maintain control of his or her speed and direction.
6. Comply with any posted limits that are imposed on the type of bike or other equipment that may be ridden on a trail or portion of the ski area.
7. Be able to stop or avoid other individuals or objects.
8. Yield to other individuals engaged in biking who are ahead or who are down the slope.
9. Be able to safely board, ride, and disembark any lift serving an area open to biking.
10. Board and disembark a lift only at designated sites.
11. Look uphill and yield to oncoming bikes before leaving the bottom of the hill at the end of the run or when entering a trail or slope.”

(f) *Signs required; trails and terrains.* Each ski area operator shall designate the trails that are open for skiing or biking in its ski area and shall determine the difficulty level of each trail. The ski area operator shall post and maintain a sign at or near the beginning of each trail. The sign shall contain the name of the trail and all of the applicable wording and emblems specified in this paragraph to describe the difficulty level of the trail or terrain. The sign shall be at least 4 square feet in size. Each sign shall contain one or more of the following designations that are applicable:

1. The word “easier” with an emblem consisting of a green circle.
2. The words “difficult” or “more difficult” with an emblem consisting of a blue square.
3. The words “most difficult” with an emblem consisting of a black diamond.
4. The word “expert” or “extreme” with an emblem consisting of 2 black diamonds.
5. The words “freestyle terrain” with an emblem consisting of an orange oval.
6. The words “tree skiing — caution.” The sign shall contain the additional statement: “This back country trail is not groomed or patrolled — Never ski here alone.”

(g) *Areas of freestyle terrain; signs and barricades required.* A ski area operator may designate an area as an area of freestyle terrain. A ski area operator that designates an area of freestyle terrain shall construct and maintain a barricade with fencing, roping, or similar means at the entrance to such an area. The opening in the barricade may not be wider than 30 feet. The ski area operator shall post and maintain a sign at or near the entrance of the area of freestyle terrain that is at least 3 square feet in size. The sign shall contain emblems consistent with signage recommended by a national ski areas association for use in areas of freestyle terrain. The sign shall contain the words “freestyle terrain.”

(h) *Lifts; signs required.* For each lift that is used by individuals engaged in skiing and that does not serve any trail that is described under par. (f) as “easier,” the ski operator shall post and maintain, at or near the loading area for the lift a sign that is at least 10 square feet in size near or at the entrance of the loading area. The sign shall contain the following warning:

“WARNING: This lift does not serve any trails that are “easier” (marked with a green circle emblem). All of the trails served by this lift are “difficult” or “more difficult” (marked with a blue

square emblem), “most difficult” (marked with a black diamond emblem), “expert” or “extreme terrain” (marked with an emblem consisting of 2 black diamonds), or “freestyle terrain” (marked with an orange oval).”

(i) *Ski area vehicles; signs required.* A ski area operator shall post and maintain signs on various trails or lift towers throughout the ski area that are at least 4 square feet in size that contain the following statement: “Caution: Ski area vehicles may be in operation at any time.”

(j) *Variation of signs.* 1. In lieu of posting and maintaining each of the separate signs required under par. (b) and par. (d), (e), or (em), a ski area operator may post and maintain a single sign that is at least 12 square feet in size and that contains all of the required warnings.

2. A ski area operator may, in a ski area with fewer than 100 acres in use for an alpine sport vary from the specific wording, size, and location requirements for signs specified under this subsection, but any variation may not preclude a reasonably prudent participant in an alpine sport from finding or understanding the contents of the sign.

(4) **DUTIES OF SKI AREA OWNERS; OTHER DUTIES.** (a) *Maps.* Each ski area operator shall post and maintain a map of the trails and terrains in the ski area that are designated for any alpine sport at all of the sites where tickets to the ski area are sold if the ski area has more than 3 trails. The map shall contain the names of each trail or terrain and a description of the level of difficulty for each trail as determined by the ski area operator under sub. (3) (f). The sign shall be at least 32 square feet in size.

(ag) *Markings.* Each ski area operator shall mark hydrants, water pipes, and any other man-made structures on a ski area that are not readily visible to participants in an alpine sport under conditions of ordinary visibility from a distance of at least 100 feet. A ski area operator may use any type of marker, including a wooden or bamboo pole, flag, or sign if the marker is visible from a distance of 100 feet and if the marker itself does not constitute a serious hazard to participants in an alpine sport. Variations in steepness or terrain, whether natural or as a result of slope design, snowmaking, or grooming operations, including roads, catwalks, or other terrain modifications, are not man-made structures for the purpose of this paragraph.

(ar) *Padding policies.* A ski area operator shall adopt a written policy determining which man-made ski area infrastructures require protective padding and determining the type, height, thickness, and color of the padding. The policy shall take into consideration factors including the infrastructure’s size and location at the ski area and its visibility to the public under conditions of normal visibility.

(b) *Ski area vehicles.* 1. Each ski area operator shall ensure that each ski area vehicle that is present on a trail during the hours in which a lift is being operated shall display all of the following:

a. A flashing light on or near the top of the ski area vehicle whenever the ski area vehicle’s engine is on.

b. If the ski area vehicle is an all-terrain vehicle, a snowmobile, or a similarly sized motorized vehicle, in addition to the flashing light as specified in subd. 1., a red or orange flag that is at least 40 square inches in size and that is mounted at least 5 feet from the bottom of the tracks or tires.

2. If any vehicular grooming operations take place on a ski trail during hours in which a lift is being operated, the ski area operator shall close that trail to the public at the top entrance to the trail until the vehicular grooming operations are complete on that trail. If a groomer is traversing part of a ski area that is not part of a ski trail during hours in which a lift is being operated, the ski area operator shall provide an escort for the groomer or equip the groomer with emergency lights and an audible warning system to warn guests of the approaching groomer.

3. A ski area operator shall have a written policy that specifies the training required for anyone to operate a snowmobile or an all-terrain vehicle within the ski area, and shall have a written policy

addressing recommended routes for snowmobiles or all-terrain vehicles to follow when used during the hours in which a lift is being operated.

4. No ski area operator may allow anyone under the age of 18 to operate a snowmobile or an all-terrain vehicle within the ski area.

5. Any employee of a ski area operating a snowmobile or an all-terrain vehicle shall possess a valid driver's license.

6. A ski area operator shall prohibit the use of privately owned snowmobiles or all-terrain vehicles within the ski area during the hours in which a lift is being operated.

7. The operator of a snowmobile or an all-terrain vehicle may not operate the vehicle at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable.

8. Whenever possible, the person operating a snowmobile or an all-terrain vehicle within a ski area during the hours in which a lift is being operated shall give skiers the right-of-way.

(c) *Lift inspections.* Annually, a ski area operator shall have all of the lifts located in its ski area inspected by a qualified lift inspector to determine whether the lift is in compliance with the rules promulgated by the department of safety and professional services.

(d) *Lift inspectors.* In order to be a qualified lift inspector for purposes of par. (c), an individual shall be either or both of the following:

1. An individual authorized by the department of safety and professional services to make inspections of lifts pursuant to ch. 101.

2. An individual who has knowledge of the requirements of the rules specified in par. (c) and of the design and operation of lifts and who has one of the following:

a. A degree of engineering from a recognized university.

b. Experience as an inspector of lifts for an insurance company that has provided liability insurance coverage to any ski area.

(5) **DUTIES OF INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN ALPINE SPORTS.** (a) *Safety rules; skiing and sledding.* Each individual engaged in skiing or sledding at a ski area has a duty to do all the following:

1. Obey all posted warnings and signs.

2. Keep off of closed trails and out of closed areas.

3. Know the range of his or her ability and engage in skiing or sledding within that ability.

4. Assess the difficulty of the trails and terrains that are open to skiing or sledding.

5. Maintain control of his or her speed and direction.

6. Comply with any posted limits that are imposed on the number of passengers or on the amount of weight of the sled or other sledding device while it is being ridden.

7. Be able to stop or avoid other individuals or objects.

8. Yield to other individuals engaged in skiing or sledding who are ahead or who are down the slope.

9. Not stop at a point that will result in the individual obstructing a trail or not being visible from above.

10. Yield to other individuals engaged in skiing or sledding who are uphill when starting downhill or merging onto a trail.

11. Be able to safely board, ride, and disembark any lift serving an area open to skiing or sledding.

12. Board and disembark a lift only at designated sites.

13. If involved in a collision with another participant in an alpine sport that results in injury or death, not leave the vicinity of the collision before giving his or her name and current address to an employee of the ski area operator or a member of the ski patrol, except for the purpose of securing aid for a person injured in the collision. A person who leaves the scene of the collision for the purpose of securing aid shall give his or her name and current address after securing the aid.

(b) *Safety rules; tubing.* Each individual engaged in tubing at a ski area has a duty to do all of the following:

1. Obey all posted signs and warnings.

2. Keep out of closed areas.

3. Know the range of his or her ability and engage in tubing within that ability.

4. Assess the difficulty of terrain that is open to tubing.

5. Maintain control of his or her speed and direction.

6. Comply with any posted limits that are imposed on the number of passengers or on the amount of weight of the tube or other tubing device while it is being ridden.

7. Be able to safely board, ride, and disembark a lift serving an area open to tubing.

8. Board and disembark a lift only at designated sites.

9. Yield to other individuals engaged in tubing who are ahead or who are down the slope.

10. Look uphill and yield to oncoming tubes before leaving the bottom of the hill at the end of a run.

11. If involved in a collision with another participant in an alpine sport that results in injury or death, not leave the vicinity of the collision before giving his or her name and current address to an employee of the ski area operator or a member of the ski patrol, except for the purpose of securing aid for a person injured in the collision. A person who leaves the scene of the collision for the purpose of securing aid shall give his or her name and current address after securing the aid.

(c) *Safety rules; biking.* Each individual engaged in biking at a ski area has a duty to do all the following:

1. Obey all posted warnings and signs.

2. Keep out of closed areas.

3. Know the range of his or her ability and engage in biking within that ability.

4. Assess the difficulty of the trails and terrains, including natural and man-made features, that are open to biking. Where possible, walk the trail or features prior to biking.

5. Maintain control of his or her speed and direction.

6. Comply with any posted limits that are imposed on the type of bike or other equipment that may be ridden on a trail or portion of the ski area.

7. Be able to stop or avoid other individuals or objects.

8. Yield to other individuals engaged in biking who are ahead or who are down the slope.

9. Be able to safely board, ride, and disembark any lift serving an area open to biking.

10. Board and disembark a lift only at designated sites.

11. Look uphill and yield to oncoming bikes before leaving the bottom of the hill at the end of the run and upon entering a trail or slope.

12. If involved in a collision with another participant in an alpine sport that results in injury or death, remain in the vicinity of the collision until he or she gives his or her name and current address to an employee of the ski area operator or a member of the bike patrol, except to secure aid for a person injured in the collision. A person who leaves the vicinity in order to secure aid shall provide his or her name and current address after securing the aid.

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**167.35 Fire safety performance standards for cigarettes.** (1) **DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

(a) "Cigarette" means any roll of tobacco wrapped in paper or in any substance other than tobacco.

(b) "Department" means the department of safety and professional services unless the context requires otherwise.

(c) "Direct marketer" has the meaning given in s. 139.30 (2n).

(d) "Distributor" has the meaning given in s. 139.30 (3).

(e) "Jobber" has the meaning given in s. 139.30 (6).

(f) “Manufacturer” means any of the following:

1. Any person who manufactures or otherwise produces cigarettes anywhere or causes cigarettes to be manufactured or produced anywhere, if the person intends that the cigarettes are to be sold in this state, including cigarettes that are sold in the United States through an importer.

2. The first purchaser anywhere that intends to resell in the United States cigarettes that are manufactured anywhere, if the original manufacturer or producer did not intend that the cigarettes be sold in the United States.

3. Any entity that becomes a successor to a person described in subd. 1. or a purchaser described in subd. 2.

4. Any person who owns an automated roll–your–own machine that is used to make cigarettes, not including an individual who owns a roll–your–own machine and uses the machine in his or her home solely to make cigarettes for his or her personal use or for the use of other individuals who live in his or her home.

(g) “Repeatability” means the range of values within which the repeat results of cigarette test trials from a single laboratory will fall 95 percent of the time.

(h) “Retailer” has the meaning given in s. 134.66 (1) (g).

(i) “Sell” or “sale” has the meaning given in s. 139.30 (12).

**(2) CERTIFICATION FILED BY MANUFACTURERS.** (a) Each manufacturer that sells or offers to sell cigarettes in this state shall file a written certification with the department, certifying that each type of cigarette listed in the certification has been tested in accordance with sub. (3) and complies with the applicable fire safety performance standard under sub. (3).

(b) For each type of cigarette listed in the certification, all of the following information shall be included in the certification:

1. The brand or trade name that appears on the package.
2. The style of the cigarette, such as light or ultra–light.
3. The length in millimeters.
4. The circumference in millimeters.
5. Any flavor description for the cigarette.
6. Whether the cigarette is filter or nonfilter.
7. The type of individual container in which the cigarette is packaged, such as a soft pack or a box.
8. A description of the marking required under sub. (4).
9. The name, address, and telephone number of the laboratory conducting the testing of the cigarette as required under sub. (3), if the laboratory is not owned and operated by the manufacturer of the cigarette.
10. The date on which the testing required under sub. (3) occurred.

(c) Upon filing a certification under par. (a), a manufacturer shall provide a copy of the certification to each distributor, jobber, or direct marketer that purchases from the manufacturer cigarettes that are the subject of the certification. Each manufacturer shall also provide to each distributor, jobber, and direct marketer sufficient copies of an illustration of the package marking required under sub. (4) to be given to each retailer to whom the distributor, jobber, or direct marketer sells cigarettes.

(d) Each manufacturer shall file the certification under par. (a) with the department every 3 years.

(e) The department shall promptly forward a copy of each certification it receives under par. (a) to the attorney general.

(f) Each manufacturer shall pay to the department a fee of \$1,000 for each brand family of cigarette listed in each certification filed with the department under par. (a). The fee shall apply to all cigarettes within the brand family and shall include any new cigarette that is included in the 3–year certification period for which the fee is paid. The manufacturer shall pay the fee upon filing each certification for a new brand family.

(g) If a manufacturer has certified a type of cigarette pursuant to this subsection, and makes any change after the certification to that type of cigarette that is likely to alter its compliance with the

applicable fire safety performance standard, no person may offer for sale or sell that type of cigarette in this state unless the manufacturer retests the cigarette in accordance with the applicable testing method under sub. (3) (a) or (d) and maintains the reports of that testing as required under sub. (3) (f).

**(3) TEST METHODS; PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.** (a) *Method of testing.* For purposes of this section, testing of cigarettes conducted by a manufacturer or conducted or sponsored by the state shall meet all of the following requirements:

1. The testing shall be conducted in accordance with the standard test method for measuring the ignition strength of cigarettes established by ASTM International standard E2187–04. The department may adopt a substitute test method that is different from the standard test method, if the department finds that the substitute test method does not result in a change in the percentage of full–length burns exhibited by any tested cigarette when compared to the percentage of full–length burns the same cigarette would exhibit when tested in accordance with the standard test method.

2. The testing shall be conducted on 10 layers of filter paper.

3. The fire safety performance standard under this subsection shall be applied only to a complete test trial, which shall consist of 40 replicate tests for each cigarette tested.

4. Each laboratory conducting the testing shall implement a quality control and quality assurance program that meets the requirements under par. (b) and that includes a procedure that will determine the repeatability of the results from the testing. The repeatability value may not be greater than 0.19.

5. Each laboratory conducting the test under this subsection shall be accredited pursuant to the standard ISO/IEC 17025 of the International Organization for Standardization or other comparable accreditation standard required by the department.

(b) *Quality control and quality assurance program.* For purposes of par. (a) 4., a quality control and quality assurance program shall include a laboratory procedure that ensures all of the following:

1. That operator bias, systematic and nonsystematic methodological errors, and equipment–related problems do not affect the results of the testing.

2. That the testing repeatability remains within the required repeatability value stated in par. (a) 4. for all of the test trials used to certify cigarettes under sub. (2).

(c) *Fire safety performance standard.* 1. A testing of cigarettes does not meet the applicable fire safety performance standard unless no more than 25 percent of the cigarettes tested in a complete test trial under par. (a) exhibit full–length burns.

2. Each type of cigarette listed in a certification under sub. (2) that uses lowered permeability bands in the cigarette paper in order to meet the fire safety performance standard under subd. 1. shall meet one of the following requirements:

a. For a cigarette that does not have bands positioned by design, the cigarette shall have at least 2 nominally identical bands on the paper surrounding the tobacco column, at least one of them being a complete band located at least 15 millimeters from the lighting end of the tobacco column.

b. For a cigarette that has bands positioned by design, the cigarette shall have at least 2 nominally identical bands on the paper surrounding the tobacco column. At least one of these bands shall fully be located at least 15 millimeters from the lighting end of the tobacco column, and at least one of the remaining bands shall fully be located at least 10 millimeters from the filter end of the tobacco column or at least 10 millimeters from the labeled end of the tobacco column for a nonfiltered cigarette.

(d) *Alternative test methods and performance standards proposed by manufacturers.* 1. If the department determines that a type of cigarette cannot be tested in accordance with the test method required under par. (a), the manufacturer thereof shall propose an alternative test method and alternative fire safety performance standard for approval by the department.

2. If the department determines that the alternative fire safety performance standard proposed under subd. 1. is equivalent to the applicable fire safety performance standard under par. (c), the department shall approve the alternative test method and the alternative performance standard for use by the manufacturer.

(e) *Provisions from other states.* In lieu of approving an alternative test method and alternative fire safety performance standard under par. (d), the department may review the cigarette fire safety requirements enacted or otherwise adopted by another state. The department shall allow a manufacturer to use the results of the other state's alternative test method and alternative performance standard for the purpose of certification under sub. (2) (a), if the department determines that the safety requirements are comparable to the requirements under this section, that the other state's safety requirements specify the same test method and the same performance standard that are specified in pars. (a) and (c), and that the other state has approved an alternative test method and alternative performance standard as meeting the requirements under that state's cigarette fire safety requirements. The department may not require additional testing under this paragraph, unless the department determines that it is not reasonable for the results to be used for this purpose.

(em) *Additional testing.* This subsection does not require additional testing if the cigarettes have been tested for another purpose with methods that are in accordance with the testing methods recognized under this subsection.

(f) *Reporting requirement.* 1. Each manufacturer shall keep reports on all test results on all types of cigarettes that are offered for sale and that are conducted to determine compliance with this section and shall keep copies of these reports for 3 years.

2. Upon written request from the department or the attorney general, a manufacturer shall make copies of the reports under subd. 1. available to the department or the attorney general within 60 days after receiving the request.

(4) **MARKING OF CIGARETTES.** (a) Each manufacturer of cigarettes that are the subject of a certification filed under sub. (2) (a) shall mark the cigarettes to show that the cigarettes meet the applicable fire safety performance standard under sub. (3). The marking shall be in 8–point or larger type and shall be located at or near the universal product code.

(b) For the purposes of par. (a), the marking shall consist of one of the following:

1. Alphanumeric or symbolic characters permanently stamped, engraved, embossed, or printed in conjunction with the universal product code.

2. A visible combination of alphanumeric or symbolic characters permanently stamped, engraved, embossed, or printed upon the cigarette package or cellophane wrap.

3. Printed, stamped, engraved, or embossed text that indicates the cigarettes must meet the applicable fire safety performance standard under sub. (3).

4. The letters “FSC.”

(c) A manufacturer shall use only one marking, shall use this marking uniformly for all types of cigarettes marketed by the manufacturer, and shall apply this marking to all packs, cartons, cases, and other packages containing the cigarettes.

(d) Prior to the certification of a type of cigarette, a manufacturer shall present its proposed marking to the department for approval. Upon receipt of the proposed marking, the department shall approve or disapprove the marking presented subject to par. (e). If the department fails to act within 10 business days after receiving the proposed marking, the marking shall be considered to have been approved by the department.

(e) The department shall approve a proposed marking under par. (d), if the proposed marking meets the size and location requirements under par. (a) and if either of the following applies:

1. The marking is in use and has been approved for cigarettes that are sold in New York.

2. The marking consists of the letters “FSC.”

(f) A manufacturer may not modify a marking approved under par. (d).

(5) **PROHIBITION.** (a) Except as provided in pars. (b) and (c), no person may sell or offer to sell cigarettes to a person located in this state unless all of the following apply:

1. The cigarettes are of a type that has been tested in accordance with this section.

2. The cigarettes meet the applicable fire safety performance standard required under this section.

3. The cigarettes are of a type that are covered by a certification filed under sub. (2) (a).

4. The cigarettes are marked in compliance with sub. (4).

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to the selling or the offering for sale of cigarettes by a manufacturer, distributor, direct marketer, jobber, or retailer if the stamps acquired under s. 139.32 were affixed to the cigarette packages prior to October 1, 2009, and if the quantity of such cigarettes in the manufacturer's, distributor's, direct marketer's, jobber's, or retailer's possession prior to October 1, 2009, is comparable to the quantity of cigarettes in the manufacturer's, distributor's, direct marketer's, jobber's, or retailer's possession during the same period of the previous year.

(c) Paragraph (a) does not apply to the selling or the offering for sale of cigarettes solely for the purpose of consumer testing that is conducted by a manufacturer or under the control and direction of a manufacturer if all of the following apply:

1. The purpose of testing is to evaluate consumer acceptance of the cigarettes.

2. The testing involves only the number of cigarettes that is reasonably necessary for the testing.

(6) **PENALTIES.** (a) Any person who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes at wholesale in violation of sub. (5) (a) shall forfeit not more than \$10,000 for each sale subject to par. (e).

(b) Any person who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes at retail in violation of sub. (5) (a) shall forfeit:

1. Not more than \$500 for each violation that involves not more than 1,000 cigarettes.

2. Not more than \$1,000 for each violation that involves 1,000 or more cigarettes, subject to par. (e).

(c) Any manufacturer that knowingly files a false certification under sub. (2) (a) shall forfeit not more than \$10,000. Each false certification constitutes a separate offense.

(d) Any manufacturer who fails to comply with sub. (3) (f) 2. shall forfeit not more than \$10,000. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.

(e) The total amount of forfeitures imposed under par. (a) against a single violator may not exceed more than \$100,000 during any 30–day period. The total amount of forfeitures imposed under par. (b) 2. against a single violator may not exceed more than \$25,000 during any 30–day period.

(7) **ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.** (a) The department or attorney general may file an action in civil court for a violation of this section. The relief sought in the action may include injunctive relief, damages incurred by the state because of the violation, enforcement costs, court costs, and attorney fees. Each violation of this section constitutes a separate civil violation for which the department or attorney general may seek relief.

(b) The department of revenue, in the course of conducting any inspection or examination authorized under s. 139.39, may inspect cigarettes to determine if the cigarettes are marked as provided under sub. (4), and the department of revenue shall notify the department of safety and professional services of any unmarked cigarettes.

(c) Authorized personnel from the department of justice, from the department of safety and professional services, and from the department of revenue, and any sheriff, police officer, or other law enforcement personnel, within their respective jurisdictions, may

enter and inspect any premises where cigarettes are made, sold, offered for sale, or stored to determine if the cigarettes comply with this section. An inspection under this paragraph includes examining the books, papers, invoices, and other records of any person who is subject to this section and who is in control, possession, or occupancy of the premises.

**(8) SEIZURE.** All cigarettes acquired, owned, imported, possessed, kept, stored, made, sold, distributed, or transported that have not been marked as provided in sub. (4) are subject to seizure by anyone authorized to inspect premises under sub. (7) (c). All seized cigarettes shall be destroyed after the person who holds the trademark rights in the cigarette brand has been given a reasonable opportunity to inspect the cigarettes.

**(9) SELLING CIGARETTES OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE.** This section does not apply to any manufacturer or any person who sells or offers to sell cigarettes that are prohibited from being sold under sub. (5) (a) if either of the following applies:

(a) The cigarettes will be stamped for sale in a state other than this state.

(b) The cigarettes are packaged to be sold outside the United States and the manufacturer or seller has taken reasonable steps to ensure that the cigarettes will not be sold or offered to be sold to any person in this state.

**(10) NEW YORK, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL LAWS.** (a) This section shall be implemented in accordance with the implementation and substance of the New York Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes that are in effect on October 1, 2009. If, after October 1, 2009, the New York safety standards are changed, the department shall suggest proposed legislation to the chairpersons of the appropriate standing committees of the legislature, as designated by the presiding officer of each house. The proposed legislation shall contain the provisions necessary to bring this section into accordance with the New York safety standards.

(b) If the department determines that the federal government has enacted legislation that establishes a fire safety performance standard that conflicts with or that preempts the provisions of this section that establish fire safety performance standards, this section does not apply after the date on which the federal legislation takes effect.

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