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CHAPTER 525

AN ACT to amend 85.32 (1) and to repeal and recreate 85.32 (2) and 85.395 of the statutes, relating to a redefinition of reckless driving, and certain rules of the road.

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

SECTION 1. 85.32 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.32 (1) The operator of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicle and the traffic upon and the condition of the highway. *The provisions of this subsection shall not prevent overtaking and passing nor does it apply to funeral processions.*

SECTION 2. 85.32 (2) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

85.32 (2) DISTANCE BETWEEN SLOW MOVING VEHICLES. The operator of any motor truck with gross weight over 10,000 pounds, or the operator of any motor vehicle which is drawing or towing another vehicle where the combined gross weight is over 10,000 pounds and operating upon a highway outside of a business or residence district shall keep the unit he is operating at a distance of not less than 500 feet to the rear of any vehicle immediately preceding it being driven in the same direction. The provisions of this subsection shall not prevent overtaking and passing nor shall the same apply upon any lane especially designated for use by truck and tractor-trailer units.

SECTION 3. 85.395 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

85.395 RECKLESS DRIVING. It is unlawful for any person to endanger the safety of his own person or property or the safety of another's person or property by a high degree of negligence in the operation of a vehicle.

Approved July 14, 1953.
