

CHAPTER 538

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 85.36 and 85.37 of the statutes, relating to use of mufflers on motor vehicles and sale of illegal devices for motor vehicles, continuing the penalties heretofore provided.

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

SECTION 1. 85.36 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

85.36 USE OF MUFFLERS. (1) Every motor vehicle subject to registration and operated on a highway shall at all times be equipped with an adequate muffler in constant operation and properly maintained to prevent any excessive or unusual noise or annoying smoke, and no such muffler or exhaust system shall be equipped with a cutout, by-pass or similar device, nor shall there be installed in such system a device to ignite exhaust gases to produce flame within or outside of the exhaust system. No person shall modify the exhaust system of a motor vehicle in a manner which will amplify or increase the noise emitted by the motor of such vehicle, above that emitted by the muffler originally installed on the vehicle and such original muffler shall comply with all of the requirements of this section.

(2) As used in this section, "muffler" means a device consisting of a series of chambers of baffle plates or other mechanical design for the purpose of receiving exhaust gas from an internal combustion engine and which is effective in reducing noise.

SECTION 2. 85.37 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

85.37 SALE OF ILLEGAL DEVICES. No person shall sell any device, appliance, accessory or replacement part for a motor vehicle the use of which on a motor vehicle is unlawful.

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