

1985 Senate Bill 414

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AN ACT to repeal 347.44 (5); to amend 110.06 (2), 340.01 (23g) (a) and (b) 2, 340.01 (56) (b) 4 and 346.48 (title) and (2) (c); and to create 121.53 (3) (c) and 340.01 (56) (am) of the statutes, relating to human service vehicles and school buses.

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

SECTION 1. 110.06 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

110.06 (2) The secretary shall adopt and enforce such rules as he or she deems necessary in the interests of safety to cover the design, construction, inspection and operation of school buses. Such rules may, but need not, be uniform for each type of bus designated in s. 340.01 (56) (a) and (am).

SECTION 2. 121.53 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

121.53 (3) (c) When the school bus is used as specified in s. 340.01 (56) (am) for the purpose of transporting elderly or handicapped persons in connection with a transportation assistance program for such persons.

SECTION 3. 340.01 (23g) (a) and (b) 2 of the statutes are amended to read:

340.01 (23g) (a) Means a motor vehicle which is not painted in accordance with s. 347.44 (1) and which is used for the purpose of transporting handicapped persons as defined in s. 85.21 (2) ~~(e)~~ (f) or elderly persons as defined in s. 85.22 (2) (b) in connection with any transportation assistance program for elderly or handicapped persons.

(b) 2. A motor vehicle operated in an urban mass transit system as defined in s. 85.20 (1) (e) and ~~(f)~~ (L) or as a taxicab service or as a common carrier of passengers.

SECTION 4. 340.01 (56) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

340.01 (56) (am) Means a motor vehicle which is painted in accordance with s. 347.44 (1) and is used for

the purpose of transporting handicapped persons as defined in s. 85.21 (2) (f) or elderly persons as defined in s. 85.22 (2) (b) in connection with any transportation assistance program for elderly or handicapped persons.

SECTION 5. 340.01 (56) (b) 4 of the statutes is amended to read:

340.01 (56) (b) 4. A motor vehicle operated in an urban mass transit system as defined in s. 85.20 (1) (e) and ~~(f)~~ (L).

SECTION 6. 346.48 (title) and (2) (c) of the statutes are amended to read:

346.48 (title) Vehicles to stop for school buses displaying flashing lights.

(2) (c) When a school bus is being used on a highway for purposes other than those specified in s. 340.01 (56) (a) and (am), the flashing red warning lights shall not be used, and all markings on the front and rear of the bus indicating it is a school bus shall be removed or completely concealed; except that any time a motor vehicle is equipped as provided under ss. 347.25 (2) and 347.44 and is transporting children for any purpose, the school bus markings may remain unconcealed and the flashing red signals may be used as provided in this section and when so used, sub. (1) applies to operators of other motor vehicles.

SECTION 7. 347.44 (5) of the statutes is repealed.