



## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 543

September 6, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives URBAN, KAUFERT, NOTESTEIN, BLACK, SCHNEIDERS, BOYLE, GROBSCHMIDT, TURNER and BOCK, cosponsored by Senator RISSER. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

1     **AN ACT to renumber** 347.46 (2) (a) to (c); **to renumber and amend** 347.46 (2)  
2           (intro.); and **to create** 347.46 (2) (b) and 347.46 (3) (d) of the statutes; **relating**  
3           **to:** requiring mudguards on motor trucks and semitrailers equipped with dump  
4           bodies.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, privately owned motor trucks and semitrailers that are equipped with dump bodies and operated on a highway between cities are not required to be equipped with rear fenders or mudguards. This bill requires such vehicles to be equipped with mudguards. Minimum specifications are established for mudguards on vehicles equipped with dump bodies that dump through the floor of the cargo body and which are transporting sand, gravel, dirt, rock or similar material. Failure to comply with the requirement of mudguards on these vehicles may result in a forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$200.

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

5           **SECTION 1.** 347.46 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 347.46 (2) (a) and  
6           amended to read:  
7           347.46 (2) (a) ~~No~~ Except as provided in par. (b), no person shall operate on a  
8           highway in intercity movement any privately owned motor truck or privately owned  
9           semitrailer drawn by a truck tractor, ~~except those motor trucks and semitrailers~~

1 equipped with dump bodies, unless such motor truck or semitrailer is equipped with  
2 rear fenders or mudguards of such material and so constructed and placed as to  
3 restrict to a minimum the splashing of water, mud or other material which may be  
4 thrown by the rear wheels. Such rear

5 (3) Rear fenders or mudguards under sub. (2) shall meet the following  
6 minimum specifications:

7 **SECTION 2.** 347.46 (2) (a) to (c) of the statutes are renumbered 347.46 (3) (a) to  
8 (c).

9 **SECTION 3.** 347.46 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

10 347.46 (2) (b) No person shall operate on a highway in intercity movement any  
11 privately owned motor truck or privately owned semitrailer drawn by a truck tractor  
12 equipped with a dump body unless such motor truck or semitrailer is equipped with  
13 mudguards of such material and so constructed and placed as to restrict to a  
14 minimum the splashing of water, mud or other material which may be thrown by the  
15 rear wheels.

16 **SECTION 4.** 347.46 (3) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

17 347.46 (3) (d) Notwithstanding any other requirement of this subsection, a  
18 motor truck or semitrailer equipped with a dump body that dumps through the floor  
19 of the cargo body and which is transporting sand, gravel, dirt, rock or similar  
20 material shall be equipped with mudguards that are mounted to the rear of the axles,  
21 cover the entire width of the vehicle and have a ground clearance of not more than  
22 18 inches when the vehicle is loaded.

23 **SECTION 5. Effective date.**

