



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 136

February 24, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives GARD, DOBYNS, RYBA, AINSWORTH, POWERS, SERATTI and R. POTTER, cosponsored by Senator SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 347.45 (2) (c) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** the use of studded
2 tires on school buses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law generally prohibits any person from operating upon a highway any motor vehicle that has tires having metal that contacts the roadway (an exception is allowed for the use of snow chains when required for safety because of snow or ice upon the roadway). However, between November 15 and the following April 1, tires equipped with tungsten carbide studs that protrude from the tire tread by not more than one-eighth inch may be used upon a highway by police, fire and ambulance vehicles, mail delivery vehicles and out-of-state vehicles passing through this state.

This bill authorizes school buses to operate upon a highway when equipped with tires bearing the tungsten carbide studs. This exception applies only between November 15 and the following April 1.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 347.45 (2) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:
4 347.45 (2) (c) 2. Such tires may be used only on authorized emergency vehicles,
5 school buses, vehicles used to deliver mail and automobiles with out-of-state

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1 registrations and then only if such automobile is in the course of passing through this
2 state for a period of not more than 30 days.

3 (END)