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1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 311

April 27, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives AINSWORTH, HASENOHRL, HUNDERTMARK, HUTCHISON, KELSO, PETROWSKI and SYKORA. Referred to Committee on Highway Safety.

- 1 AN ACT to create 347.26 (11) (am) of the statutes; relating to: strobe lights on
 - motor trucks traveling slowly on certain highways.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law generally prohibits any vehicle from displaying any flashing light. Specific exceptions allow flashing lights to be displayed on police vehicles, fire engines, ambulances, school buses, mail delivery vehicles, highway maintenance vehicles and other vehicles. This bill authorizes motor trucks to be equipped with an amber strobe light that may be operated only when the motor truck is upon a highway having a maximum speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour and traveling ten or more miles per hour below the speed limit.

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

- **SECTION 1.** 347.26 (11) (am) of the statutes is created to read:
- 4 347.26 (11) (am) In addition to lamps authorized under this subsection, a motor
- 5 truck may be equipped with a 360-degree flashing amber light having a flashrate
- 6 of 60 to 120 per minute and mounted at the highest practicable point. The flashing
- 7 amber lamp may be lighted only when the motor truck is upon a highway having a

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1 maximum speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour and the motor truck is traveling

10 or more miles per hour below the maximum speed limit. The flashing amber lamp
may not be lit at other times.

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