

Clearinghouse Rule 98-153

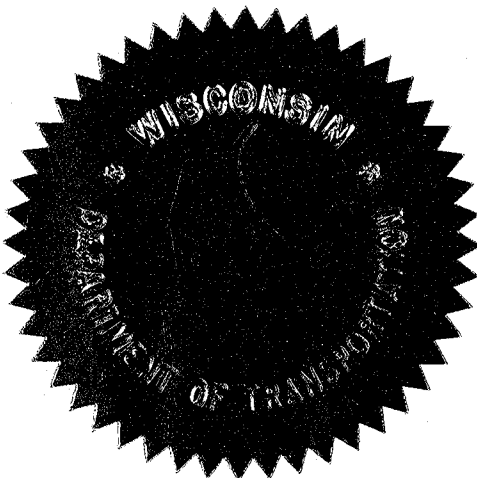
CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION)

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, CHARLES H. THOMPSON, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and custodian of the official records, do hereby certify that the rule, relating to **school bus equipment standards**, was duly approved and adopted by this Department on March 1, 1999.

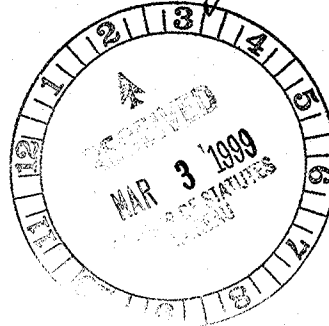
I further certify that this copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department of Transportation at 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, in the City of Madison, Wisconsin, this 1 day of **March**, 1999.

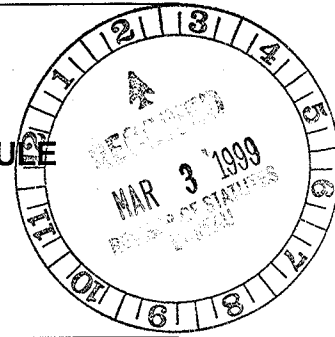
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CHARLES H. THOMPSON
Secretary



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The Wisconsin Department of Transportation adopts an order to repeal TRANS 300.54(4)(intro.); renumber TRANS 300.54(4)(a) to (d); renumber and amend TRANS 300.54(4)(e); amend TRANS 300.16(1); and create TRANS 300.54(1)(am) and (4), relating to school bus equipment standards.

ORDER ADOPTING RULE

Analysis Prepared by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: ss. 85.16 and 347.25(2), Stats.

STATUTES INTERPRETED: s. 347.25(2), Stats.

General Summary of Rule. This rule making amending ch. Trans 300, relating to school bus equipment standards, will address the installation, operation and light output brilliance of the white strobe light which will be required on all school buses first registered in WI after October 1, 1998. Currently, s. Trans 300.54(4) advises that the strobe light is an optional piece of equipment for use on school buses. 1997 Wis. Act 117 requires the strobe light as mandatory equipment for all buses first registered on or after October 1, 1998. The current specifications for optional strobe lights will be made applicable to the mandatory strobe lights, and the use of the lights will be required whenever a school bus is in operation on a highway for the purposes specified in s. 340.01(56)(a) and (am), Stats. Use of the strobe light will be permitted when children are being transported for any other purpose.

Fiscal Effect. The Department estimates that there will be no fiscal impact on the liabilities or revenues of any county, city, village, town, vocational, technical and adult education district or sewerage district. The Department estimates that there will be no fiscal impact on state revenues or liabilities. The rule will not impose any fiscal effect on school districts other than that imposed by the amendment of s. 347.25(2), Stats.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis. This rule will have no adverse impact on small businesses.

Copies of Rule. Copies of this rule may be obtained upon request, without cost, by writing to Lt. Sandra Huxtable, Department of Transportation, Division of State Patrol, Room 551, P. O. Box 7912, Madison, WI 53707-7912, or by calling (608) 267-0325. Alternate formats of the rule will be provided to individuals at their request.

TEXT OF RULE

Under the authority vested in the state of Wisconsin, department of transportation, by ss. 85.16 and 347.25(2), Stats., the department of transportation hereby amends a rule interpreting s. 347.25(2), Stats., relating to school bus equipment standards.

SECTION 1. Trans 300.16(1) is amended to read:

TRANS 300.16(1) Prior to the start of any trip, the driver shall check the condition of the bus, giving particular attention to brakes, tires, lights, emergency equipment, mirrors, windows, and interior cleanliness of the bus. Defects shall be reported in writing to the person in charge of bus maintenance. The driver shall be responsible for the cleanliness of the interior of the bus and shall ensure that the windshield and mirrors are clean before each school bus operation and that the strobe light is actuated whenever the bus is in operation on a highway for purposes specified in s. 340.01(56)(a) and (am), Stats.

SECTION 2. Trans 300.54(1)(am)(intro.) and 6. are created to read:

TRANS 300.54(1)(am)(intro.) Each bus first registered on or after October 1, 1998, shall be equipped with a strobe light which shall conform with the following requirements:

6. The strobe light shall be actuated whenever the bus is in operation on a highway for purposes specified in s. 340.01(56)(a) and (am), Stats., and may be actuated when the bus is in operation on a highway and is transporting children for any other purpose.

SECTION 3. Trans 300.54(4)(intro.) is repealed.

SECTION 4. Trans 300.54(4)(a) to (d) are renumbered Trans 300.54(1)(am)1. to

4.

SECTION 5. Trans 300.54(4)(e) is renumbered Trans 300.54(1)(am)5. and amended to read:

TRANS 300.54(1)(am)5. The unit ~~shall~~ may be wired with an independent switch with an indicator light in the driver's compartment showing when the light is in operation.


SECTION 6. Trans 300.54(4) is created to read:

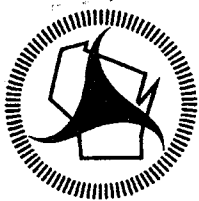
TRANS 300.54(4) School buses painted as provided in s. 347.44, Stats., and registered prior to October 1, 1998, may be equipped with a strobe light meeting the requirements of sub. (1)(am).

(END OF RULE TEXT)

Effective Date. This rule shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register as provided in s. 227.22(2), Stats.

Signed at Madison, Wisconsin, this 1 day of March, 1999.


For CHARLES H. THOMPSON
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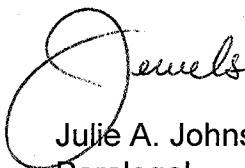
RE: **CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 98-153**

In the Matter of the Adoption of **TRANS 300**, Wisconsin Administrative Code, relating to **demerit point assessment for operating after suspension and revocation offenses**

Dear Mr. Poulson:

Enclosed for filing, pursuant to s. 227.20, Wis. Stats., is a certified copy of **CR 98-153**, an administrative rule relating to the above-mentioned matter.

Sincerely,


Julie A. Johnson
Paralegal

Enclosures

cc: Secretary's Office
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Sandy Beaupre
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Lt. Sandy Huxtable
Frieda Andreas

