



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Assembly Bill 599

Assembly Amendment 1

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Current law imposes a speed limit of 55 miles per hour on the operation of snowmobiles during the hours of darkness. Current law defines “hours of darkness” as the period of time between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise and all other times when there is not enough natural light to clearly see a person or a vehicle that is 500 feet away. Current law sunsets this provision on July 1, 2010.

2009 Assembly Bill 599 repeals the sunset provision (i.e., continues the snowmobile speed limit of 55 miles per hour during the hours of darkness).

Assembly Amendment 1 to the bill specifies that the current law, with the sunset removed, does not apply to a person operating a snowmobile while competing in a sanctioned race or derby.

Legislative History

At an executive session on February 17, 2009, the Assembly Committee on Tourism, Recreation and State Properties voted to adopt Assembly Amendment 1 and to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0.

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