



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2011 Senate Bill 228

Senate Amendment 1

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2011 Senate Bill 228 makes changes to state law regarding the placement, possession, and transportation of firearms, bows, and crossbows in or on various types of vehicles, including all of the following:

- Allows a person to place, possess, or transport an unloaded, uncased firearm in or on a vehicle.
- Allows a person to place or possess a loaded, uncased firearm on a stationary vehicle, including an all-terrain vehicle (ATV). A vehicle may have its engine running and still be considered stationary. The definition of “stationary vehicle” under the bill also applies to vehicles used by people hunting with disabled hunter permits.
- Allows a person to place, possess, or transport, in or on a vehicle or a motorboat with its motor running, an uncased bow if the bow does not have an arrow nocked or an uncased crossbow if the crossbow is not cocked.
- Allows a person to operate an ATV while possessing an unloaded, uncased firearm, or while possessing an uncased bow if the bow does not have an arrow nocked or an uncased crossbow if the crossbow is not cocked.

Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 228 allows a person the option of unloading and encasing a crossbow that is cocked, adds a definition of “unloaded” for electronic ignition muzzleloading firearms, and specifies that the prohibitions related to firearms, bows, and crossbows in or on vehicles do not apply to stationary, nonmotorized vehicles not attached to a motor vehicle.

Legislative History

Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 228 was introduced and recommended for adoption by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Environment on October 19, 2011, by votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 2.

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