



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Assembly Bill 278

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

Memo published: November 6, 2013

Contact: David Moore, Staff Attorney (266-1946)

Current law defines the term “common motor carrier” for the purposes of ch. 194, Stats., which regulates motor carrier operation in Wisconsin. Under current law, common motor carrier is defined as “any person who holds himself or herself out to the public as willing to undertake for hire to transport passengers by motor vehicle between fixed end points or over a regular route upon the public highways or property over regular or irregular routes upon the public highways.” Current law excludes from this definition “the transportation of passengers in taxicab service or in commuter car pool or van pool vehicles with a passenger-carrying capacity of less than 16 persons or in a school bus.”

2013 Assembly Bill 278 modifies the definition of common motor carrier to specify that the passenger-carrying capacity of specified vehicles excluded from the definition must be less than eight persons.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 278 eliminates the distinction the current definition makes between the transport of passengers and the transport of property, instead specifying that a common motor carrier is “any person who holds himself or herself out to the public as willing to undertake for hire to transport passengers or property by motor vehicle upon the public highways.” The substitute amendment also excludes from the definition of common motor carrier, “the transportation of passengers in taxicab service or commuter car pool or van pool vehicles that are designed to carry less than 8 passengers, including the driver, or in a school bus.”

Bill History

Representative Ripp offered Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to 2013 Assembly Bill 278 on October 28, 2013. On October 29, 2013, the Assembly Committee on Transportation unanimously voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 and passage of Assembly Bill 278, as amended.

DM:jal