

# WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

## 2007 Assembly Bill 370

# Assembly Substitute Amendment 1

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#### **2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 370**

2007 Assembly Bill 370 exempts military commercial driver license holders that are members of the U.S. armed forces or forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces from the skills and knowledge test requirements for receiving a Wisconsin commercial driver license. The bill requires an applicant's commanding officer to identify the equivalent Wisconsin commercial vehicle classes that the applicant's federal military commercial driver license authorizes the applicant to operate.

## ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 TO 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 370

Under the substitute amendment, the skills and knowledge test waiver would apply to licensed members of the national guard of any state, in addition to members of the U.S. armed forces and forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces. The substitute amendment also removes the requirement that the applicant provide vehicle equivalency information supplied by his or her commanding officer.

The substitute amendment directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to determine the equivalent Wisconsin commercial vehicle classes which an applicant's federal military commercial driver license authorizes the applicant to operate and the documentation that an applicant must submit to the department with his or her application. The Department of Military Affairs is also directed to assist the DOT in making these determinations.

The substitute amendment would also create a delayed effective date, the first day of the  $2^{nd}$  month following publication.

# **LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

The Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended adoption of Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 0, and passage of Assembly Bill 370, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 0.

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