



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Senate Bill 241

Assembly Amendment 1

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Current Law

Current law defines an “all-terrain vehicle” (ATV) as an engine-driven device with a width of not more than 48 inches and a net weight of 900 pounds or less that is equipped with a seat designed to be straddled by the vehicle operator and that is designed to travel on at least three low-pressure tires. Under current law, a low-pressure tire is a tire that has a minimum width of six inches, that is designed to be mounted on a rim with a maximum diameter of 12 inches, and that is designed to be inflated with an operating pressure not to exceed six pounds per square inch.

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The bill increases the maximum width of an ATV to 50 inches. The bill specifies that the width of an ATV must be 50 inches or less at the time of manufacture and that it be designed by the manufacturer to travel on three or more low-pressure tires in order to meet the definition. As to the requirements for a low-pressure tire, the bill eliminates the requirement for the size of the rim and increases the maximum operating pressure for a low-pressure tire to 10 pounds per square inch.

Assembly Amendment 1

To clarify changes made in the bill, Assembly Amendment 1 creates two new provisions in s. 23.33 (6), Stats., relating to ATV equipment requirements. The amendment specifies that:

1. An ATV may not be *modified* so that its maximum width exceeds 50 inches. This means, for example, that an ATV manufactured with a width of 48 inches may be modified so long as the maximum width does not exceed 50 inches.
2. An ATV may not be *operated* with tires other than the low-pressure tires specified in the bill. The bill did not refer to the *operation* of the ATV with these tires.

Legislative History

On September 22, 2009, Senate Bill 241 was passed by the Senate on a vote of Ayes, 32; Noes, 0. On October 14, 2009, in executive session, the Assembly Committee on Tourism, Recreation and State Properties adopted Assembly Amendment 1 and recommended the bill for passage, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0.

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