



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2011 Senate Bill 401

**Senate
Amendment 1**

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) administers a program to designate highways or portions of highways in Wisconsin that have outstanding scenic, historic, cultural, natural, recreational, or archaeological qualities as scenic byways. Under current law, only a highway or portion of a highway that is within the state trunk highway system is eligible for designation as a scenic byway.

2011 Senate Bill 401 clarifies that local highways may also be designated as scenic byways.

Senate Amendment 1 provides that the authority with jurisdiction over a highway, for maintenance purposes, has exclusive authority to erect signs designating a highway as a scenic byway, and shall bear all expense in connection with the erection and maintenance of the signs.

Legislative History

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Shilling on March 8, 2012. On March 12, 2012 the Senate Committee on Transportation and Elections unanimously recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended.

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