



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Assembly Bill 434

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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2015 ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 TO ASSEMBLY BILL 434

Substitute Amendment 1 to 2015 Assembly Bill 434 does all of the following:

- Allows the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to designate alternative forms of proof of certain registration, certification, and approval documents by administrative rule.
- Authorizes DNR to issue Conservation Cards to be used for accessing information about an individual's approvals or safety certificates electronically.
- Authorizes DNR to issue reprints of certain approvals and recreational vehicle safety certificates.
- Eliminates the requirements that a carcass tag be attached to certain animals and instead requires only that the carcass tag be validated.
- Eliminates the prohibition against possession or control of deer or elk antlers in the velvet or a deer or an elk skin in the spotted coat of a lawfully killed deer or elk unless DNR has authorized the possession.
- Makes other changes related to the types of registration plates required for recreational vehicles.
- Updates laws related to making false statements on registration applications for recreational vehicles and laws related to fraudulent serial and vehicle identification numbers and other approvals.
- Increases the penalties for a number of violations of natural resource statutes.

- Provides for an immediate effective date for snowmobile temporary trail pass provisions in the draft (the rest of the draft takes effect on March 1, 2016, or the day after publication, whichever is later).
- Allows nonresidents to register snowmobiles as “antique snowmobiles” in the same manner and at the same cost as residents may do so under current law.
- Allows for prosecution in Dane county of offenses relating to approval fraud that occurs out of state.
- Allows for certain receipts to provide proof that a person holds a recreational vehicle registration, certification, trail pass, or trail use sticker until official documents are received.
- Provides that an enforcing officer, after having identified himself or herself as an enforcing officer, and within certain limitations, has reasonable suspicion to perform a stop if certain recreational vehicles do not visibly display registration, certification, or trail use decal.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Representatives Czaja and A. Ott on October 28, 2015. The Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage recommended adoption of the substitute amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on unanimous votes.

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