



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Assembly Bill 580

**Senate
Amendment 1**

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2015 Assembly Bill 580, as passed by the Assembly, relates to width and weight restrictions for certain types of logging equipment.

ASSEMBLY BILL 580, AS AMENDED BY THE ASSEMBLY

Assembly Bill 580, as amended by the Assembly and engrossed, provides limited exceptions to statutory width and weight restrictions for certain types of logging equipment. The exceptions apply if the equipment is operated for logging purposes for distances of a half mile or less on highways that are not part of the national system of interstate and defense highways. The equipment must also be operated at times other than in hours of darkness, and, with respect to the exception from weight restrictions, the equipment must be operated unladen.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 relates to the formula for determining reasonable compensation for parts provided by motorcycle dealers in certain circumstances. Current law, retained under the amendment, requires certain manufacturers, importers, and distributors of motorcycles to reasonably compensate a motorcycle dealer who performs work to rectify the product or warranty defects of the manufacturer, import, or distributor, or to satisfy certain delivery and preparation obligations.

Under **current law**, for purposes of that requirement, “reasonable compensation” for parts is equal to the dealer’s cost for the parts, multiplied by **the sum of one and** the dealer’s average percentage markup over dealer cost for parts.

The amendment modifies the calculation for “reasonable compensation” for such motorcycle parts to equal the dealer’s cost for the parts multiplied by the dealer’s average percentage markup over dealer cost for parts.

ASSEMBLY ACTION

Assembly Amendment 1 limited the scope of the exceptions provided under the bill by requiring equipment to be operated at times other than in hours of darkness for the weight and width exemptions to apply.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Mursau offered Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 580 on December 11, 2015. On January 6, 2016, the Assembly Committee on Environment and Forestry voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the amendment. On the same day, the committee voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 1. The Assembly adopted the amendment and the bill, as amended, by voice votes on January 19, 2016.

Senator Fitzgerald offered Senate Amendment 1 on February 9, 2016. On the same day, the Senate adopted the amendment and voted to concur in the bill, as amended, both by voice votes.

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