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1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 133

February 14, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives Reynolds, Ourada, Baumgart, Ward, Wilder, Albers, Goetsch, Hahn, Harsdorf, Powers, Zukowski, Hubler, Travis, Linton, Ainsworth, Musser, Springer, Gard, Plombon, Gronemus, Boyle, Hasenohrl, Lehman, Dueholm, Kaufert, Skindrud, Lorge, Johnsrud, Handrick, Grothman, Brancel, Hoven and Coleman, cosponsored by Senators Decker, Breske, Chvala, Farrow, Panzer, Jauch, Wineke, Clausing, Rude and Zien. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

AN ACT *to create* 350.01 (10c), 350.02 (2) (a) 6. and 350.18 (3) of the statutes; relating to: the operation of snowmobiles on the roadways of highways for the purposes of personal access.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person may not operate a snowmobile on the roadway of a highway, street or road except under certain limited circumstances. The bill specifically authorizes the operation of a snowmobile on a portion of such a roadway if that portion of the roadway lies within the boundaries of a town, city or village that has enacted an ordinance that allows the operation of snowmobiles on that portion for the purposes of personal access. The bill defines personal access as being the operation of a snowmobile on a roadway for the shortest distance necessary to travel between a residence and the nearest snowmobile trail or route to that residence.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 350.01 (10c) of the statutes is created to read:

350.01 (10c) "Personal access" means the operation of a snowmobile on the roadway of a highway for the shortest distance that is necessary for the person driving the snowmobile to travel safely between a residence and the snowmobile route or snowmobile trail that is closest to that residence.

SECTION 2. 350.02 (2) (a) 6. of the statutes is created to read:
350.02 (2) (a) 6. On a portion of the roadway of a highway for purposes of
personal access if the town, city or village within which that portion of the highway
lies, enacts an ordinance under s. 350.18 (3) for that portion of the highway.
Section 3. 350.18 (3) of the statutes is created to read:
350.18(3) A town, city or village may enact an ordinance allowing the operation
of snowmobiles, for the purpose of personal access, on a roadway of a highway for any
portion of a highway that lies within the boundaries of the town, city or village.
(END)