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## STATE SENATOR

**Senate Committee on Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs**  
**Senate Bill 768**  
**February 4, 2020**

Chairman Petrowski and members:

Thank you for hearing testimony on Senate Bill 768. This bill corrects an oversight discovered in Senate Bill 86, which was signed into law earlier this session.

Senate Bill 86 created a new classification of vehicle, the autocycle, in Wisconsin. Currently, these three-wheeled vehicles are registered as motorcycles. As motorcycles, these vehicles are not required to undergo emissions testing.

In May, these vehicles will be required to register as autocycles and under current law they would be required to undergo emissions testing in seven of Wisconsin's counties. Autocycles are not OBD-II compliant, and as such the Department of Transportation cannot perform their standard emissions testing. Outfitting testing stations to capably test autocycles would be cost-prohibitive and unnecessary.

Senate Bill 768 simply removes the requirement for autocycles to undergo emissions testing in order to be registered.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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### *2019 Senate Bill 768 Exempting Autocycles from Emission Inspections February 4, 2020*

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources welcomes the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill 768 (SB 768), which exempts autocycles from emission inspection requirements.

2019 Wisconsin Act 50 removed autocycles from the state definition of "motorcycle." While motorcycles are exempt from vehicle emissions testing under state law, this change in definition meant that autocycles would no longer be exempt from such testing after May 1, 2020, since they would no longer be considered a motorcycle as of that date.

SB 768 would add "autocycle" to the list of vehicles exempt from emissions testing under s. 285.30(5), Wis. Stats. Since this would simply restore the autocycle exemption that was eliminated by a change in definition in Act 50, this bill would not change how emissions from these vehicles are currently accounted for in Wisconsin's federally-approved vehicle emissions testing program, or in the state's Clean Air Act required emissions inventories.

Thank you for your consideration of these written comments. Please contact Department of Natural Resources Legislative Liaison Sean Kennedy at 608-400-2115 or [SeanP.Kennedy@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:SeanP.Kennedy@Wisconsin.gov) with any questions.