



## 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 432

July 7, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives PETTIS, MUSSER, HINES, GRONEMUS and FREESE, cosponsored by Senators A. LASEE, KEDZIE, SCHULTZ, ZIEN, STEPP and LAZICH. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 350.12 (3) (a) (intro.), 350.12 (3) (a) 3., 350.12 (3) (b), 350.12  
2           (3) (cm) and 350.12 (3) (d); and *to create* 350.12 (3g) (c) of the statutes; **relating**  
3           **to:** registration and designation of snowmobiles that were manufactured before  
4           a certain date.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the owner of a snowmobile that has a model year of 1966 or earlier may register the snowmobile as an antique snowmobile. Registration of a snowmobile as an antique entitles the owner to registration decals of a distinctive nature and exempts the owner from having to reregister the snowmobile during the time that he or she owns it.

This bill changes the term used to describe an older snowmobile from “antique snowmobile” to “classic snowmobile.” Under the bill, the owner of a snowmobile that is at least 35 years old at the time that the owner applies for registration may register the snowmobile as a classic snowmobile. Also, after the snowmobile is registered as a classic snowmobile, the registrant and any subsequent owner of the classic snowmobile are exempt from paying any additional registration fee.

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

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

**ASSEMBLY BILL 432****SECTION 1**

1           **SECTION 1.** 350.12 (3) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           350.12 (3) (a) (intro.) Except as provided under subs. (2) and (5) (cm), no person  
3 may operate and no owner may give permission for the operation of any snowmobile  
4 within this state unless the snowmobile is registered for public use or private use  
5 under this paragraph or s. 350.122 or as an antique a classic snowmobile under par.  
6 (b) and has the registration decals displayed as required under sub. (5) or s. 350.122  
7 or unless the snowmobile has a reflectorized plate attached as required under par.  
8 (c) 3. A snowmobile that is not registered as an antique a classic snowmobile under  
9 par. (b) may be registered for public use. A snowmobile that is not registered as an  
10 antique a classic snowmobile under par. (b) and that is used exclusively on private  
11 property, as defined under s. 23.33 (1) (n), may be registered for private use. A  
12 snowmobile public-use registration certificate is valid for 2 years beginning on the  
13 July 1 prior to the date of application if registration is made prior to April 1 and  
14 beginning on the July 1 subsequent to the date of application if registration is made  
15 after April 1 and ending on June 30, 2 years thereafter. A snowmobile private-use  
16 registration certificate is valid from the date of issuance until ownership of the  
17 snowmobile is transferred. The fee for the issuance or renewal of a public-use  
18 registration certificate is \$30, except that the fee is \$5 if it is a snowmobile owned and  
19 operated by a political subdivision of this state. There is no fee for the issuance of  
20 a private-use registration certificate or for the issuance of a registration certificate  
21 to the state.

22           **SECTION 2.** 350.12 (3) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

23           350.12 (3) (a) 3. The purchaser shall complete the application for transfer and  
24 cause it to be mailed or delivered to the department or an agent appointed under sub.  
25 (3h) (a) 3. within 10 days from the date of purchase. ~~A~~ Except for the transfer of a

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1 classic snowmobile under par. (b), a fee of \$5 shall be paid for transfer of a current  
2 registration certificate.

3 **SECTION 3.** 350.12 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 350.12 (3) (b) Any person who is a resident of this state and the owner of a  
5 snowmobile which has a model year of 1966 or earlier may, upon application, that is  
6 at least 35 years old at the time that the owner applies for registration under this  
7 paragraph may register the snowmobile as an antique a classic snowmobile. Upon  
8 payment of a fee of \$20, the applicant shall be furnished a registration certificate and  
9 decals of a distinctive design, in lieu of the design on the decals issued under par. (d).  
10 The design shall show that the snowmobile is an antique a classic snowmobile. The  
11 registration shall be valid without payment of any additional registration fee while  
12 the snowmobile is owned by the applicant or upon any transfer to a subsequent  
13 owner. Unless inconsistent with this paragraph, the provisions of this chapter  
14 applicable to other snowmobiles shall apply to antique classic snowmobiles.

15 **SECTION 4.** 350.12 (3) (cm) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 350.12 (3) (cm) Subsection (3h) does not ~~not~~ apply to commercial snowmobile  
17 certificates, reflectorized plates, or registration certificates issued for antique classic  
18 snowmobiles under par. (b).

19 **SECTION 5.** 350.12 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 350.12 (3) (d) Upon receipt of the required fee, a sales tax report, payment of  
21 sales and use taxes due under s. 77.61 (1), and an application on forms prescribed  
22 by it, the department or an agent appointed under sub. (3h) (a) 3. shall issue to the  
23 applicant an original registration certificate stating the registration number, the  
24 name and address of the owner, and other information the department deems  
25 necessary or a validated registration receipt. The department or an agent appointed

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1 under sub. (3h) (a) 3. shall issue 2 registration decals per snowmobile owned by an  
2 individual owner, this state, or a political subdivision of this state. The decals shall  
3 be no larger than 3 inches in height and 6 inches in width. The decals shall contain  
4 reference to the state, the department, whether the snowmobile is registered for  
5 public use or private use under par. (a), or as ~~an antique~~ a classic snowmobile under  
6 par. (b), and shall show the expiration date of the registration.

7 **SECTION 6.** 350.12 (3g) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

8 350.12 (3g) (c) Registration certificates for antique snowmobiles issued under  
9 s. 350.12 (3) (b), 2001 stats., shall remain valid and shall be treated as registrations  
10 for classic snowmobiles. Registration decals for antique snowmobiles issued under  
11 s. 350.12 (3) (d), 2001 stats., shall remain valid and shall be treated as registration  
12 decals for classic snowmobiles.

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