



2009 SENATE BILL 693

April 16, 2010 - Introduced by Senators LEHMAN and HOLPERIN, cosponsored by Representatives MOLEPSKE JR., TURNER, BIES and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 350.055 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** snowmobile safety
2 instruction for persons under 16 years of age.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who is at least 12 years of age and who is born on or after January 1, 1985, may not operate a snowmobile unless he or she holds a snowmobile safety certificate. A snowmobile safety certificate certifies that the person satisfactorily completed a program administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in the safe use of snowmobiles. Instruction under the program is conducted by instructors certified by DNR. Current law provides that for each person receiving instruction who is under 16 years of age, the program must include six hours of classroom instruction. Current law also allows the instructor to provide up to two additional hours of instruction on a snowmobile.

This bill eliminates the requirement that under the snowmobile safety program administered by DNR, persons who are under 16 years of age must receive a minimum number of hours of snowmobile safety instruction in a classroom.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 350.055 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 350.055 (1) The department shall establish a program of instruction on
5 snowmobile laws, including the intoxicated snowmobiling law, regulations, safety

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1 and related subjects. The program shall be conducted by instructors certified by the
2 department. The department may procure liability insurance coverage for certified
3 instructors for work within the scope of their duties under this section. ~~For each~~
4 ~~person who is under the age of 16 years, the program shall include 6 hours of~~
5 ~~classroom instruction, and the instructor may provide to the person up to 2~~
6 ~~additional hours of instruction on a snowmobile as to how it is actually operated.~~
7 Each person satisfactorily completing this program shall receive a snowmobile
8 safety certificate from the department. The department shall establish by rule an
9 instruction fee for this program. An instructor conducting a program of instruction
10 under this section shall collect the instruction fee from each person who receives
11 instruction. The department may determine the portion of this fee, which may not
12 exceed 50%, that the instructor may retain to defray expenses incurred by the
13 instructor in conducting the program. The instructor shall remit the remainder of
14 the fee or, if nothing is retained, the entire fee to the department. The department
15 shall issue a duplicate certificate of accomplishment to a person who is entitled to a
16 duplicate certificate of accomplishment and who pays a fee of \$2.75.

17 (END)