

## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 815

February 12, 2002 – Introduced by Representative GROTHMAN, cosponsored by Senator M. MEYER. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 343.16 (2) (cm) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorization to  
2     operate motorcycles.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a person may obtain a driver's license to operate a motorcycle if he or she is otherwise qualified and has passed a driving skills test administered by the department of transportation (DOT). However, DOT does not require a person to take a driving skills test if, at the time the person applies for a driver's license, he or she holds a learning permit to operate a motorcycle and the person has successfully completed a basic rider instruction course that is approved by DOT.

Under this bill, DOT may issue a driver's license to operate a motorcycle to a person without requiring the person to take a driving skills test if the person has successfully completed a basic rider instruction course that is approved by DOT, regardless of whether the person holds a learning permit to operate a motorcycle at the time he or she applies for a driver's license.

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

3     **SECTION 1.** 343.16 (2) (cm) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4     343.16 **(2)** (cm) *Motorcycle waiver.* The department shall waive the driving  
5     skills test of a person applying for authorization to operate "Class M" vehicles if the

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**SECTION 1**

1 applicant ~~holds an instruction permit under s. 343.07 (4) and~~ has successfully  
2 completed a basic rider course approved by the department.

3 (END)