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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2005-06

(session year)

Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation...

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- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

* Contents organized for archiving by: Stefanie Rose (LRB) (June 2012)

Moved by Senator Breske, seconded by Senator Kapanke that
Assembly Bill 1078 be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (5) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and
Breske.

Noes: (0) None.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Matt Phillips
Committee Clerk

Vote Record

Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation

Date: 4-20
Bill Number: AB 1078 - SB 6410
Moved by: Breske Seconded by: Kapanke
Motion: Concurrence / Passage as amended

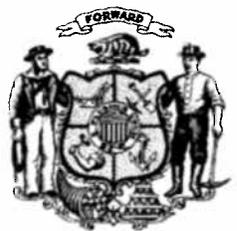
<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Senator Neal Kedzie, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Cathy Stepp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Dan Kapanke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Roger Breske	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Robert Wirch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Totals:	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion Carried

Motion Failed



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Chairman's Notes: Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation Public Hearing – April 20, 2006

Assembly Bill 1078 and Senate Bill 640 (Petrowski and Lazich)

Relating to: licensing and activities of driver schools and instructors, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

Summary:

- Increases the annual driver school licensing fee from ~~\$7~~ to \$95. Creates a new \$10 fee that would apply to each mailing address where one or more driver school classrooms are located.
- Extends the license period for drivers schools from "the end of the calendar year" to a period determined by DOT but not more than 24 months.
- Extends the license period for instructors from 1 year to up to 24 months.
- Specifies that a driver instructor must be 19 and must have 2 years of license experience
- Allows drivers schools to provide knowledge tests
- Increases the penalties for driver school standards

Question:

- ~~What is the rational for the annual fee increase? Where does the money go and how will it be spent? What increase in services will be provided in exchange for the increased fee?~~
- ~~What is the purpose of the \$10 fee for each classroom at a different mailing address?~~
- ~~How many licensed driving school are there?~~

180
for teachers

Senate Bill 541 (Kanavas and Honadel)

Relating to: maintenance and removal of vegetation obstructing the view of outdoor advertising signs along highways under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation and an audit of a program of the Department of Transportation.

Summary:

- This bill creates a DOT permit system for the maintenance and removal by sign owners of vegetation obstructing the view of signs along highways under the jurisdiction of DOT for maintenance purposes.

Executive Session

Assembly Bill 1078 and Senate Bill 640 (Petrowski and Lazich)

Relating to: licensing and activities of driver schools and instructors, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

- ✓ MOTION FOR ADOPTION of SA 1 to SB640
- ✓ SECOND
- ✓ DISCUSSION
- ✓ ROLE CALL *Aye*

- ✓ MOTION FOR PASSAGE OF SB 640 AS AMENDED AND CONCURRENCE OF AB 1078
- ✓ SECOND
- ✓ DISCUSSION
- ✓ ROLE CALL *Aye*

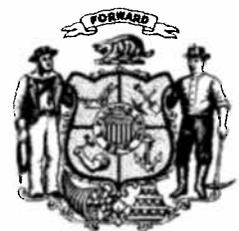
Senate Bill 541 (Kanavas and Honadel)

Relating to: maintenance and removal of vegetation obstructing the view of outdoor advertising signs along highways under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation and an audit of a program of the Department of Transportation.

- ✓ MOTION FOR PASSAGE OF SB 541
- ✓ SECOND
- ✓ DISCUSSION
- ✓ ROLE CALL *Aye*



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



ASSEMBLY BILL 1078 / SENATE BILL 640
LICENSING AND ACTIVITIES OF DRIVER SCHOOLS AND INSTRUCTORS

Testimony

Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation
Thursday, April 20, 2006

CURRENT SYSTEM

- DMV licenses driver training schools and instructors only. DMV does not license driver's education programs or instructors in public schools.
- There are 180 driver training schools (DTS) and 800 driver training instructors.
- Annual driver training school license fee is \$95, and licenses expire on December 31.
Note: the bill analysis for AB 1078 is incorrect. See s. 343.61 (3) Wis. Stats:
"The required fee for any driver school license, or for any annual renewal thereof, is \$75 or, for licenses issued or renewed after August 31, 1998, \$95."
- Annual driver instructor license fee is \$25, and licenses expire on December 31.

AB 1078

- This bill makes many technical changes to the administration of the DTS program. DMV has been working on this issue for many sessions, and is very pleased that Rep. Petrowski introduced this bill. For example, driver training schools are required under current law to maintain a permanently bound book. AB 1078 repeals this requirement.
- This bill allows driver training schools to administer written knowledge tests to their own students under the age of 18. This is consistent with current practice for students who are enrolled in driver's education in the public school.
- This bill lengthens the renewal cycle for driver training schools and instructors to 24 months, and allows DMV to stagger the renewal cycle to evenly distribute renewal workload.
- This bill allows DMV to implement a system of progressive enforcement to address consumer complaints. No system exists today.

BILL IMPACT

- This bill causes a revenue increase of \$3360 annually, for new fees assessed. (\$10 for making changes to driver training school license, and \$10 for each classroom license issued).
- The staggered renewal cycle will allow DMV staff responsible for this program to have more time to conduct audits and ensure compliance with statutes and administrative rule.

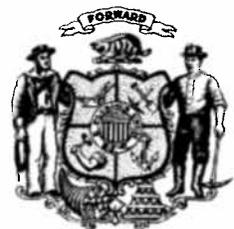
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END OF TESTIMONY



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Mary Lazich

Wisconsin State Senator
Senate District 28

**Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation
Testimony Assembly Bill 1078
April 20, 2006**

Good Afternoon, Committee Chair Kedzie and committee members. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to the Senate on Natural Resources and Transportation Committee on Senate Bill 640/Assembly Bill 1078.

This bill revises Wisconsin Statutes regulating the licensing of driver education schools and instructors. Some of these statute sections have not been updated since the 1970's.

The bill does not affect high school, technical college, or institution of higher learning driver education instruction. The bill sets safety standards for driver education schools and driver education instructors. The bill requires schools to file a bond and provide liability insurance. In addition, the bill requires Department of Transportation approved testing and licensing of driving instructors, and the bill establishes revocation standards.

Please support Senate Bill 640/Assembly Bill 1078 to make needed changes to the outdated Wisconsin driver school law.

Again, thank you for the public hearing on Senate Bill 640/Assembly Bill 1078. Please support Senate Bill 640/Assembly Bill 1078 and update Wisconsin's driver school laws.

