2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 600

November 29, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives MURSAU, MONTGOMERY, KLEEFISCH, LEMAHIEU and TOWNSEND, cosponsored by Senators BRESKE, GROTHMAN and LAZICH. Referred to Committee on Rural Economic Development.

1 AN ACT to renumber and amend 15.347 (16); and to create 15.347 (16) (a) to (d) of the statutes; relating to: membership on the State Trails Council.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the State Trails Council (council) advises the Department of Natural Resources regarding the planning, acquisition, development, and management of state trails. The council consists of nine members, appointed by the governor for four-year terms, who are knowledgeable in various recreational uses of trails.

This bill expands the membership of the council from nine to eleven members. The bill also requires that the council include one member who represents snowmobile users, one member who represents all-terrain vehicle users, one member who represents users of motor vehicles that have four wheels and that are manufactured principally for off-highway use, and one member who represents users of off-highway motorcycles that are manufactured principally for off-highway use.

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

SECTION 1. 15.347 (16) of the statutes is renumbered 15.347 (16) (intro.) and amended to read:
15.347 (16) State Trails Council. (intro.) There is created in the department of natural resources a state trails council consisting of 9 members, appointed for 4-year terms, who are knowledgeable in the various recreational uses of trails. The membership of the council shall include all of the following:

Section 2. 15.347 (16) (a) to (d) of the statutes are created to read:

15.347 (16) (a) One member who represents all-terrain vehicle users.

(b) One member who represents snowmobile users.

(c) One member who represents users of motor vehicles with 4 wheels that are manufactured principally for off-highway use.

(d) One member who represents users of motorcycles that are manufactured principally for off-highway use.

Section 3. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) Initial terms. Notwithstanding the length of terms specified for the members of the state trails council under section 15.347 (16) of the statutes, as affected by this act, the terms of the initial members of the expanded membership shall expire on July 1, 2011.

(2) Appointments upon expiration of terms. Notwithstanding the requirements for membership on the state trails council under section 15.347 (16) of the statutes, as affected by this act, any member who is serving on the state trails council on the day before the effective date of this subsection may continue to serve as a member of the council under section 15.347 (16) of the statutes, as affected by this act, for the term for which the member was appointed or until his or her successor is appointed and qualified, whichever occurs later. Beginning on the effective date of this subsection, as vacancies occur on the council, the governor shall
appoint members of the council in a manner that satisfies the membership
requirements under section 15.347 (16) of the statutes, as affected by this act.

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