2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 942

March 11, 2008 – Introduced by Representatives NYGREN, VAN ROY, BIES, TURNER, A. OTT and TOWNSEND, cosponsored by Senator HANSEN. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

AN ACT to renumber and amend 30.29 (1); and to create 30.29 (1) (a), 30.29 (1) (b) and 30.29 (3) (i) of the statutes; relating to: use of motor vehicles on the beds of navigable waters.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the operation of motor vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles, is prohibited in or on a navigable body of water or on the exposed bed of a body of water. Exceptions to this prohibition include operating a motor vehicle on a frozen body of water, while crossing a stream, or in conjunction with an agricultural activity. This bill creates an additional exception which authorizes a motor vehicle’s use in order to destroy or prevent the spread of aquatic or terrestrial invasive species.

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

SECTION 1. 30.29 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 30.29 (1) (intro.) and amended to read:

30.29 (1) DEFINITIONS. (intro.) In this section, “motor:

(c) “Motor vehicle” includes an all-terrain vehicle, as defined in s. 340.01 (2g).
SECTION 2. 30.29 (1) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

30.29 (1) (a) “Control” has the meaning given in s. 23.22 (1) (a).

SECTION 3. 30.29 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

30.29 (1) (b) “Invasive species” has the meaning given in s. 23.22 (1) (c).

SECTION 4. 30.29 (3) (i) of the statutes is created to read:

30.29 (3) (i) Controlling invasive species. A person operating a motor vehicle for the purpose of controlling invasive species.

(END)