

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

LRB-2794/P1dn

ARG:jld:rs

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ATTN: Cullen Werwie

Please review the attached draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent.

This draft is related to LRB-2421. In response to that draft and drafter's note, your constituent advised that minitrucks are designed for on-road operation and comply with federal safety standards for on-road vehicles. I suspect that this statement is not accurate and it seems to be contradicted by your constituent's own Web site. If the statement were accurate, I do not believe there is any impediment under current law to DOT's registration of these vehicles and their operation on Wisconsin's highways. The attached draft has been prepared according to your constituent's directions, but I believe this draft misses the mark. I continue to believe that the only impediment to operation of minitrucks on this state's highways is that they are not manufactured to meet federal on-highway safety standards and therefore s. 341.10 (6) prevents DOT from registering them; if unregistered, they cannot be operated on the highways. For purposes of this draft, I have accepted your constituent's assertion that minitrucks do meet federal on-highway safety standards and I have therefore not amended s. 341.10 (6). I highly recommend that you seek comment from DOT as to whether this draft will allow minitrucks to be registered and operated on Wisconsin's highways.

Please let me know if you would like any changes made to the attached draft or if you have any questions. If the attached draft meets with your approval, let me know and I will convert it to an introducible "/1" draft.

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