



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 389 [2009 Assembly Bill 599]	Snowmobiling During Hours of Darkness
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Current law imposes a speed limit of 55 miles per hour on the operation of snowmobiles during the hours of darkness. Current law defines “hours of darkness” as the period of time between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise and all other times when there is not enough natural light to clearly see a person or a vehicle that is 500 feet away. Under prior law, this provision had a sunset of July 1, 2010.

2009 Wisconsin Act 389 repeals the sunset provision (i.e., continues the snowmobile speed limit of 55 miles per hour during the hours of darkness).

The Act also specifies that the current law, with the sunset removed, does not apply to a person operating a snowmobile while competing in a sanctioned race or derby.

Effective date: 2009 Wisconsin Act 389 took effect on June 2, 2010.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.