



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2009 Assembly Bill 599**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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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. Current law sunsets this provision on July 1, 2010.

*2009 Assembly Bill 599* repeals the sunset provision (i.e., continues the snowmobile speed limit of 55 miles per hour during the hours of darkness).

*Assembly Amendment 1 to the bill* 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.

### Legislative History

At an executive session on February 17, 2009, the Assembly Committee on Tourism, Recreation and State Properties voted to adopt Assembly Amendment 1 and to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0.

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