



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Assembly Bill 837

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

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Current law imposes certain restrictions on the operation of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) on a roadway. One of those restrictions prohibits a person under the age of 12 from operating an ATV on a roadway unless the agricultural purpose exception applies and the ATV is not an implement of husbandry.

2009 Assembly Bill 837 allows a person who is under the age of 12 to operate an ATV on a roadway, regardless of the purpose, provided that the ATV is a small ATV and the person is accompanied by a parent or designee.

Assembly Amendment 1 changes the bill to provide that in addition to the agricultural restrictions in current law:

- No person *under 12 years of age* may operate an ATV *on a roadway* under any circumstances.
- No person *under 16 years of age* may operate an ATV on a roadway for a nonagricultural purpose unless the person is: (1) *at least 12 years of age*; and (2) is accompanied by his or her parent or guardian or by a person at least 18 years of age who is designated by the parent or guardian.

Legislative History

At an executive session on April 14, 2010, the Assembly Committee on Tourism, Recreation and State Properties voted to introduce and adopt Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0. The committee then voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 1.

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