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Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources

Senate Bill 404

Relating to: registration of former military vehicles.

By Senators Hansen, Plale, Holperin, Hopper, A. Lasee, Taylor and Wirch; cosponsored by Representatives Zigmunt, Steinbrink, Soletski, Berceau, Brooks, Clark, Colon, Danou, Davis, Hraychuck, Jorgensen, Kerkman, Kleefisch, Knodl, Lothian, Molepske Jr., Petersen, Pope-Roberts, Ripp, Schneider, Sinicki, Strachota, Suder, Townsend, Turner, Van Roy, M. Williams, Ziegelbauer and Vruwink.

November 18, 2009 Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

January 20, 2010 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Ted Zigmunt — 2nd Assembly District
- Paul Nilsen — WI DOT
- Dave Hansen — 30th Senate District
- Robert Anderson — Midwest Military Vehicles Association
- Jeff Rowsam, Denmark — Military Vehicle Collectors

Appearances Against

- Tom Landman, Avoca
- Paul Underwood, Blue Mounds

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Mike Furgal — VFW
- Carolyn Simpson, McFarland
- Jeff Plale — 7th Senate District
- Glen Holcomb, Janesville
- Don Meinhardt, Wycena
- Mark Austin, Fremont
- Robert Wirch — 22nd Senate District
- Paul Treder, Janesville

- Chuck Franz, Salem

Registrations Against

- Richard Gregory, Blanchardville

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

February 4, 2010

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (6) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (1) Senator Plale.

Moved by Senator Hansen, seconded by Senator Holperin that **Senate Bill 404** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (6) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Noes: (0) None.

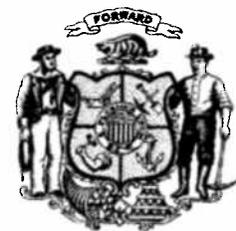
Absent: (1) Senator Plale.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 0

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Re: 2009 Senate Bill 404; relating to: registration of former military vehicles.

Dear Senator Holperin,

The Department of Transportation SUPPORTS Senate Bill 404. This bill represents a reasonable compromise reached by the Department of Transportation and representatives of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association and Wisconsin Historic Military Vehicle owners groups.

As stated earlier in my testimony for 2009 Senate Bill 392, the Department has safety concerns about the on-road operation of any vehicle that does not meet US on-road standards. However, the Department recognizes that military vehicles are driven in this state and that their owners have a strong desire to drive them.

This bill will meet the needs of the majority of military vehicle collectors while still limiting the public's exposure to these vehicles in traffic. The Department believes that the majority of military vehicle owners are hobbyists and collectors, many of whom previously served in the military, and who show them, join car clubs and appear in parades. Their interest lies mainly in preserving these military vehicles as living history. This bill should meet the needs of those collectors.

Under the bill, military vehicles can be operated for special events including parades and display, and travel to and from those events, and for necessary testing, maintenance and storage. We believe this limited operation will not increase demand for new military vehicles. The bill also requires that the vehicle retain its military appearance, which will further limit appeal to hobbyists and collectors.

The bill creates a special license plate, so after some time we will be able to identify any accident data related to these vehicles.

The Department wishes to thank Representatives Zigmunt and Nelson for bringing military vehicle owners and the Department to the table to discuss our interests and to find common ground for this compromise. The Department would also like to thank Jeff Rowsam and Robert Anderson and the members of Military Vehicle Preservation Association and Wisconsin Historic Military Vehicle owners groups for their work on this legislation. I would also like to thank you and Senators Hansen and Plale of this committee, for signing on to this important piece of legislation.

Very truly yours,

/s/
Paul E. Nilsen
Assistant General Counsel





PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION
ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT,
TO 2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 592

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

- 2 1. Page 4, line 10: delete "section," and substitute "section:".
- 3 2. Page 4, line 10: delete "former" and substitute:
- 4 "(a) "Former".
- 5 3. Page 4, line 12: after "design" insert "including a paint color scheme".
- 6 4. Page 4, line 12: after "markings" insert "consistent with military service".
- 7 5. Page 4, line 18: after that line insert:
- 8 *Deletion* "(b) "Necessary testing and maintenance" includes occasional limited private
- 9 operation for recreational driving, consistent with exercising a historic vehicle.
- 10 (c) "Special events" include public parades, patriotic events, displays for the
- 11 education of the general public, and organized preservation and collector club
- 12 activities." *put language here*

- 1 6. Page 4, line 21: after "that" insert "the vehicle model is".
- 2 7. Page 4, line 22: delete "is less than 25 years old".
- 3 8. Page 4, line 22: delete the material beginning with "and" and ending with
- 4 "imported" on line 23.
- 5 9. Page 5, line 23: delete "occasions such as display and parade purposes,
- 6 including" and substitute "events and".
- 7 10. Page 5, line 23: delete "testing, maintenance," and substitute "testing and
- 8 maintenance".
- 9 11. Page 5, line 23: after "purposes." insert "A vehicle registered under this
- 10 section may not be operated for primary or daily transportation".
- 11 (END)