



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 486

January 24, 2012 – Introduced by LAW REVISION COMMITTEE. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 30.07 (1) (g), 167.31 (1) (h), 287.81 (1) (b), 340.01 (35) and
2 340.01 (74) of the statutes; **relating to:** the definitions of vehicle and motor
3 vehicle (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of
4 Transportation).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law defines “vehicle,” for certain purposes, to include any device in, upon, or by which a person or property may be transported or drawn on a highway, but specifically excludes snowmobiles and electric personal assistive mobility devices except when made specifically applicable by statute. Current law also defines “motor vehicle” to include any self-propelled vehicle or vehicle combination, but specifically excludes snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles except when made specifically applicable by statute.

Under this bill, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, and electric personal assistive mobility devices are not considered a “vehicle” or a “motor vehicle” under the definitions of those terms except when made specifically applicable by statute.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Transportation and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

1 **SECTION 1.** 30.07 (1) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 30.07 (1) (g) “Vehicle” has the meaning given in s. 340.01 (74), but includes an
3 all-terrain vehicle, as defined in s. 340.01 (2g).

4 **SECTION 2.** 167.31 (1) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 167.31 (1) (h) “Vehicle” has the meaning given in s. 340.01 (74), and but
6 includes a snowmobile, as defined in s. 340.01 (58a), an all-terrain vehicle, as defined
7 in s. 340.01 (2g), and an electric personal assistive mobility device, as defined in s.
8 340.01 (15pm), except that for purposes of subs. (4) (c) and (cg) and (4m) “vehicle” has
9 the meaning given for “motor vehicle” in s. 29.001 (57).

10 **SECTION 3.** 287.81 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 287.81 (1) (b) “Vehicle” has the meaning given in s. 340.01 (74), and but
12 includes an electric personal assistive mobility device, as defined in s. 340.01 (15pm),
13 and an all-terrain vehicle, as defined in s. 340.01 (2g).

14 **SECTION 4.** 340.01 (35) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 340.01 (35) “Motor vehicle” means a vehicle, including a combination of 2 or
16 more vehicles or an articulated vehicle, which is self-propelled, except a vehicle
17 operated exclusively on a rail. “Motor vehicle” includes, without limitation, a
18 commercial motor vehicle or a vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained
19 from overhead trolley wires but not operated on rails. A snowmobile and, an
20 all-terrain vehicle, and an electric personal assistive mobility device shall only be
21 considered motor vehicles for purposes made specifically applicable by statute.

