



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2003 Wisconsin Act 166 [2003 Assembly Bill 630]	Changes in Snowmobile Laws
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Wisconsin Act 166 makes the following changes in laws relating to snowmobiles:

1. Provides that a person operating a snowmobile on or adjacent to a roadway must observe the roadway speed limit, unless the person is operating the vehicle as part of a snowmobile special event authorized by the local government that has jurisdiction over the roadway.
2. Exempts snowmobile accidents that occur during snowmobile races or derbies sponsored by specified entities from general procedures that must otherwise be followed in the event of a snowmobile accident.
3. Prohibits a person from knowingly interfering with the proper operation of a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle (ATV) odometer. The Act also prohibits a person, with intent to defraud, from interfering with the proper operation of an hour meter on a snowmobile, ATV or boat (the meter measures and records the hours a vehicle has been operating). The Act contains exceptions to allow a malfunctioning odometer or hour meter to be restored to proper working order. A person violating the provision relating to hour meters may be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year in the county jail, or both, for each violation.
4. Provides that operators of snowmobiles proceeding in opposite directions must proceed with caution and pass each other to the right.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on April 20, 2004.

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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.