



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2009 Wisconsin Act 157**  
[2009 Assembly Bill 574]

**Agricultural Use of Lightweight  
Utility Vehicles**

2009 Wisconsin Act 157 authorizes the operation of a lightweight utility vehicle (LUV) on highways if it is being used for agricultural operations, which includes transporting farm implements, equipment, supplies, or products on a farm or between farms. A person operating an LUV is required to exercise due care, and as far as is practicable, to avoid interfering with the movement of other traffic. If an LUV is operated on a roadway, it must be operated as close as practicable to the right-hand edge of the roadway.

Under the Act, an LUV is not required to be registered, is exempt from most vehicle equipment requirements except certain lighting requirements, and is required to display a slow moving vehicle emblem.

An LUV is defined as an engine-driven device having a gross weight of more than 700 pounds, but not more than 1,999 pounds, that is designed to travel on four or more low-pressure tires, is equipped with a cargo area, is used primarily off a highway, and does not include a device that is equipped with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator. "Lightweight utility vehicle" does not include golf carts or low-speed vehicles. "Low pressure tire" means a tire that is designed to be mounted on a rim with a maximum diameter of 14 inches and to be inflated with an operating pressure not to exceed 20 pounds per square inch as recommended by the manufacturer.

A person in violation of this Act may be required to forfeit not more than \$200.

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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 at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.