



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Assembly Bill 58

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

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Assembly Bill 58 establishes a new classification of motor vehicles called low-speed vehicles. The bill defines “low-speed vehicle” as a vehicle that meets the federal definition for such a vehicle and that satisfies equipment standards under federal regulations. The term “low-speed vehicle” does not include golf carts. The federal definition referenced in the bill is in 49 C.F.R. s. 571.3, which defines “low-speed vehicle” as a four-wheeled vehicle, other than a truck, whose speed attainable in one mile is more than 20 miles per hour and not more than 25 miles per hour on a paved level surface.

The bill provides that a person may operate a low-speed vehicle upon any roadway that is under the jurisdiction of a local authority and that has a speed limit of 35 or less miles per hour. However, the governing body of any municipality or county may, by ordinance, restrict the operation of low-speed vehicles on roadways under its jurisdiction to roadways having a speed limit of 25 or less miles per hour. In addition, the bill states that no person may operate a low-speed vehicle upon any highway that has a speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that a person may operate a low-speed vehicle upon any roadway that is under the jurisdiction of a local authority and that has a speed limit of 25 or less miles per hour. However, the governing body of any municipality or county, may by ordinance, designate any roadway under its jurisdiction having a speed limit of more than 25 miles per hour, but not more than 35 miles per hour upon which low-speed vehicles may be operated. The amendment does not change the provision in the bill that states that no person may operate a low-speed vehicle upon any highway that has a speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

The Assembly Committee on Transportation introduced Assembly Amendment 1 and recommended its adoption on a vote of Ayes, 16, Noes, 0, on March 6, 2001. Passage of Assembly Bill 58, as amended, was recommended by that committee on a vote of Ayes, 15, Noes, 1, on March 6, 2001.

The Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 on a voice vote and passed Assembly Bill 58, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 93, Noes, 4, on March 8, 2001.

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