

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 230

Assembly Amendment 2

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Under **current law**, all motor vehicle salvage dealers must be licensed by the Department of Transportation (DOT). A motor vehicle salvage dealer is a person who purchases and resells motor vehicles for wrecking, processing, scrapping, recycling, or dismantling purposes or who conducts the business of wrecking, processing, scrapping, recycling, or dismantling motor vehicles or selling parts of those vehicles.

Current law also requires a person who owns or operates a point source of water pollution to obtain from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) a permit to discharge storm water. **Current law** also requires a motor vehicle salvage dealer who recovers ozone-depleting refrigerants to obtain from DNR a permit for safe recovery of the refrigerants.

Assembly Bill 230 requires every applicant for a new or renewed motor vehicle salvage dealer license to provide to DOT proof that a permit, if required by DNR, has been issued by DNR relating to storm water discharge and proof that a permit, if required by DNR, has been issued by DNR relating to refrigerant recovery. The bill also requires every applicant for a new or renewed motor vehicle salvage dealer license to provide a letter, signed by the county executive or county administrator in the county where the applicant's business is to be conducted, that states that the applicant's business complies with county ordinances relating to storm water discharge and refrigerant recovery, or that the county does not certify compliance, or that the county has no related ordinances.

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- Adds language to allow DOT to also accept an application for a salvage dealer's license "in an automated format" that is prescribed by DOT.
- Modifies the requirement for an application for a salvage dealer's license so it contains a copy of correspondence on DNR letterhead that indicates that an "applicant has permit

coverage" for stormwater discharge, or a statement from the DNR that the applicant is not required to have a permit.

- Modifies the requirement for an application for a salvage dealer's license so it contains a
 copy of correspondence on DNR letterhead, which indicates that the applicant has registered
 or certified its compliance with refrigerant recovery to the DNR for salvage refrigeration
 equipment, or a statement from the DNR that the applicant is not required to register or
 certify.
- Removes the requirement that every applicant for a new or renewed motor vehicle salvage
 dealer license provide a letter, signed by the county executive or county administrator in the
 county where the applicant's business is to be conducted, that states that the applicant's
 business complies with county ordinances relating to storm water discharge and refrigerant
 recovery, or that the county does not certify compliance, or that the county has no related
 ordinances.
- Adds a six-month delayed effective date to the bill.

Legislative History

On May 19, 2005, the Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended for adoption Assembly Amendment 2 by a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0.

The Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 1.

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