

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Assembly Bill 342

Assembly Amendment 2

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Assembly Bill 342 does the following:

- Authorizes a person to operate a lightweight utility vehicle on any town road or forest road to access any area where hunting or fishing is allowed if all of the following apply:
 - The person holds a Class A or Class B disabled hunting permit, a disabled fishing license, or an annual or temporary disabled fishing license and the person operates the lightweight utility vehicle only for the purposes of hunting or fishing or is otherwise engaging in an activity authorized by the permit.
 - o The person travels no more than five miles from his or her home.
 - The person carries no more than one passenger on the lightweight utility vehicle.
 - The person operates the lightweight utility vehicle only during hours of daylight.
- Provides that a person operating a lightweight utility vehicle in compliance with these
 conditions may not operate on state trunk highways, county trunk highways, expressways,
 or freeways, except the person may cross state trunk highways and county trunk highways if
 specific conditions apply.

Assembly Amendment 2 does the following:

 Makes technical changes to reflect statutory changes to the lightweight utility vehicle pilot program.

- Instead of requiring that the person on the lightweight utility vehicle may travel no more than five miles from his or home, requires that the person may travel no more than five miles in one direction, from the location where the person commenced operation of the lightweight utility vehicle for the purposes of hunting or fishing or is otherwise engaging in an activity authorized by the permit.
- Instead of requiring operation only during hours of daylight, requires operation only during hours from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.
- Specifies that in addition to the requirements in the bill, operation of a lightweight utility vehicle on a forest road under the exclusive jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service is subject to all applicable federal law requirements and restrictions.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 2 was offered by the Assembly Committee on Fish and Wildlife on April 14, 2010. On the same date, the committee recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 2 on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by the same vote.

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