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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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<b>2009 Senate Bill 614</b>	<b>Senate Amendment 1</b>
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**2009 Senate Bill 614** would create an exemption to the general prohibition against operation of a motor vehicle, including an all-terrain vehicle, in or on a navigable body of water or on the exposed bed of a body of water. This exemption would authorize the operation of a motor vehicle on the exposed beds of Lake Superior and Lake Michigan, and other waters that are part of or connect to these lakes (outlying waters), in order to destroy or prevent the spread of the invasive species *Phragmites australis*, if the operation of the motor vehicle is in compliance with the following requirements:

- The operation of the motor vehicle must be limited to mowing or the application of herbicides.
- The motor vehicle may only be operated on the exposed bed of an outlying water.
- The operation may only be on the exposed bed when it is dry.
- The operation must occur during the period beginning on August 1st and ending on the following March 15th.

**Senate Amendment 1** would remove the requirement that the motor vehicle may only be operated on the exposed bed when it is dry and would expand the period of time during which the operation could occur to the period beginning on July 1st and ending on the following March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Legislative History

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Hansen on April 7, 2010. On April 8, 2010, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and passage of Senate Bill 614, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0.

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