



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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| 2013 Senate Bill 270 | Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 |
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Current Law

Under current law, with limited exceptions, an applicant for a motor vehicle operator's license must successfully complete a knowledge test and an on-the-road driving skills test; however, the Department of Transportation (DOT) must waive the driving skills test for a person applying for authorization to operate motorcycles if the person has successfully completed a basic rider course approved by DOT. Current law also provides that DOT may not require a person applying for authorization to operate motorcycles to first hold an instruction permit if the person has successfully completed a basic rider course.

Senate Bill 270

Senate Bill 270 requires DOT to waive the driving skills test for a person applying for authorization to operate motorcycles if the person has completed a basic or more advanced rider class approved by DOT. The bill also provides that DOT may not require a person applying for authorization to operate motorcycles to first hold an instruction permit if the person is under 18 and has completed a basic rider course approved by DOT; or if the person is over 18 and has successfully completed a basic or more advanced rider course approved by DOT.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 requires DOT to waive the driving skills test for a person applying for authorization to operate motorcycles who has successfully completed a rider course approved by the Wisconsin DOT Motorcycle Safety Program. Senate Substitute Amendment 1 also provides that DOT may not require a person who is applying for authorization to operate motorcycles to hold an instruction permit if he or she has successfully completed a rider course approved by the Wisconsin DOT Motorcycle Safety Program. Finally, the substitute amendment provides that DOT may not issue a license authorizing the operation of motorcycles to a person under 18 unless the person has completed a basic rider course approved by the Wisconsin DOT Motorcycle Safety Program. Current

law prohibits DOT from issuing a license to such applicants unless he or she has completed a basic rider course approved by DOT.

Bill History

On September 5, 2013, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs recommended passage of Senate Bill 270 on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0. On October 8, 2013, the Senate passed the bill on a voice vote.

Representative Weatherston offered Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on November 12, 2013. On November 14, 2013, the Assembly adopted Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 and passed Senate Bill 270, as amended, on a voice vote.

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