



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 303

Senate Amendment 1

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2013 Senate Bill 303 prohibits the sale of novelty lighters to minors. A novelty lighter is defined as a device containing a combustible fuel intended for use in igniting cigarettes, cigars, or pipes, if any of the following applies:

- The device is designed to resemble a cartoon character, toy, gun, watch, musical instrument, vehicle, animal, food, or beverage, unless the resemblance is solely the result of printing or decoration with a logo, label, decal, artwork, or a heat-shrinkable sleeve.
- The device plays musical notes, has flashing lights, or has other features that appeal to or are intended for use by minors.

The bill provides that a novelty lighter does not include any of the following:

- A device manufactured before 1980.
- A device intended for use in igniting a fire in a fireplace, wood stove, or charcoal or gas grill.

The bill also prohibits the display of novelty lighters for retail sale in an area in a retail establishment that is accessible to the general public.

The bill also subjects anyone who violates the above provisions to a \$100 civil forfeiture.

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Senate Amendment 1 relocates an exception within the definition of novelty lighters to the list of other exceptions. Therefore, under the bill as amended, a novelty lighter does not include any of the following:

- A device manufactured before 1980.

- A device intended for use in igniting a fire in a fireplace, wood stove, or charcoal or gas grill.
- A standard disposable or refillable lighter that is printed or decorated with logos, labels, decals, artwork, or a heat-shrinkable sleeve.

Bill History

On March 4, 2014, the Senate Committee on Energy, Consumer Protection, and Government Reform voted to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 303 and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; and Noes, 0.

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