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Assembly Bill 346

Relating to: penalties for violation of certain moped dealer and recreational vehicle dealer requirements and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Stone, Ripp and Ohnstad; cosponsored by Senators Petrowski and Grothman.

Thank you, members of the committee, for the opportunity to speak today on Assembly Bill 346.

A person who operates a recreational vehicle (RV) or moped dealership must first obtain a license to do so from the Department of Transportation (DOT). Violations of this requirement are typically investigated by DOT personnel.

Under current law, these violations are considered criminal acts, and must be prosecuted as crimes. Unfortunately, District Attorneys have been reluctant to prosecute these violations, as the penalties are modest – between \$25 and \$100 – and the offenses are generally considered low priority.

This bill makes the first offense of unlicensed RV or moped dealership a civil, rather than criminal, offense that is punishable by forfeiture. Subsequent offenses will remain subject to the existing criminal penalties. This bill will help to ensure that the law is enforced, without placing the burden on local District Attorneys.

Again, I would like to thank committee members for the opportunity to speak on this bill, and would be happy to answer any questions at this time.

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