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## Senate

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#### **Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources**

##### **Senate Bill 38**

Relating to: issuing annual vehicle admission receipts for motor buses for entry to state parks and other vehicle admission areas under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources.

By Senators A. Lasee and Grothman; cosponsored by Representatives Bies, Kaufert, Nygren, Spanbauer, Townsend and A. Ott.

February 03, 2009 Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

February 19, 2009 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

##### Appearances For

- Gary Bies, Sister Bay
- A.J Frank, Sturgeon Bay
- Chet Gurlach, Madison — Association of Wisconsin Tourism Attractions

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- Kimberly Currie, Madison — Department of Natural Resources

##### Registrations For

- None.

##### Registrations Against

- None.

##### Registrations for Information Only

- None.

February 26, 2009 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

July 16, 2009

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Sullivan that **Senate Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Noes: (0) None.

**ADOPTION OF SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED,**  
Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Grothman, seconded by Senator Plale that **Senate Bill 38** be recommended for passage as amended.

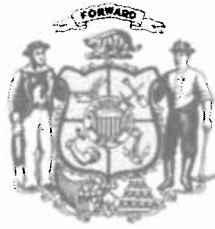
Ayes: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Noes: (0) None.

**PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0**

Elizabeth Novak  
Committee Clerk





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**Annual Vehicle Admission Stickers for Motor Buses (SB 38)**  
**Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources**  
**Testimony Submitted by State Senator Alan Lasee**  
**February 19, 2009**

Good morning Chairman Holperin and members of the committee. Thank you for scheduling Senate Bill 38 for a public hearing today. I apologize that I am not able to be in Madison today to speak with you. I know that Representative Bies will be in attendance to speak to and answer any questions you might have.

This bill was drafted at the request of my constituent who owns and operates Door County Trolley, Inc. It is my understanding that he will be in attendance to offer his perspective on how this bill will impact his business.

Briefly, this bill would allow the DNR to issue annual stickers for buses from Wisconsin as well as other states and sets a fee schedule accordingly. Currently, vehicles entering our state parks can purchase either daily or annual stickers upon a fee payment. This does not apply, however, to motor buses, as they must purchase a daily pass each time they enter a state park.

The intent of this bill is to provide parity for all vehicles and to increase exposure to our state parks by those who are passengers on motor buses. As you know, our state parks are a valuable resource and important tool for our tourism industry. We must do all we can to promote our state parks, and this bill is a positive step in that direction.

Thank you again for holding this hearing. I join Rep. Bies in asking for your support of this bill. Please contact me should you have any follow up questions after the hearing.





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**Written Testimony of Representative Garey Bies**  
**Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry and Natural Resources**  
**Senate Bill 38 – State Park Bus Pass**

Good morning Chairperson Holperin and committee members, I appreciate the opportunity to submit my testimony in support of Senate Bill 38, relating to annual state park passes for commercial motor buses.

I have introduced this legislation on behalf of the Door County Trolley that operates daily tours to Peninsula State Park. Currently, annual passes are not available for buses that operate to our state's parks. As a result some bus operators, like Door County Trolley, can rack up significant costs as each operating bus must purchase a daily pass. AJ Frank from Door County Trolley is here to testify today and will provide a better illustration of how current law affects there business.

This legislation establishes an annual pass for motor buses to Wisconsin's state parks. Under Senate Bill 38, an annual pass for a Wisconsin registered motor bus will cost \$299.50 plus 50 cents for the issuance fee for a total of \$300. A pass for each additional bus operated by the same company would cost an additional \$50. An annual pass for a bus registered by an out of state company will cost \$450 with \$50 for each additional bus under the same company.

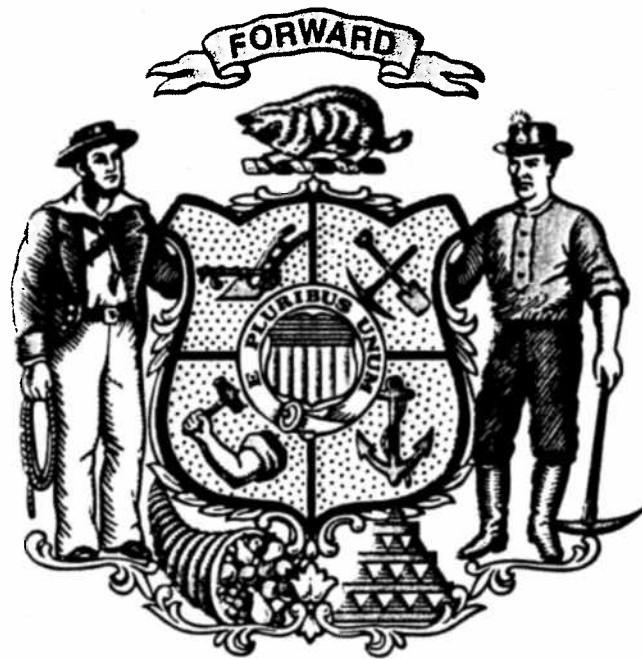
Senate Bill 38 can be of great benefit to our small tour operators who are in the business of bringing visitors to our state's parks. Under current law the fees can be difficult for a small company to absorb and I respectfully request your support of SB 38 in committee.

Thank you.

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