



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 51
[2011 Senate Bill 228]

Firearms and Vehicles

2011 Wisconsin Act 51 makes changes to state law regarding the placement, possession, and transportation of firearms, bows, and crossbows in or on various types of vehicles, including all of the following:

- Allows a person to place, possess, or transport an unloaded, uncased firearm in or on a vehicle.
- Allows a person to place or possess a loaded, uncased firearm on a stationary vehicle, including an all-terrain vehicle (ATV). A vehicle may have its engine running and still be considered stationary. The definition of “stationary vehicle” under the Act also applies to vehicles used by people hunting with disabled hunter permits.
- Allows a person to place, possess, or transport, in or on a vehicle or a motorboat with its motor running, an uncased bow if the bow does not have an arrow nocked or an uncased crossbow if the crossbow is not cocked or is unloaded and encased.
- Allows a person to operate an ATV while possessing an unloaded, uncased firearm, or while possessing an uncased bow if the bow does not have an arrow nocked or an uncased crossbow if the crossbow is not cocked or is unloaded and encased.
- Specifies that the prohibitions related to firearms, bows, and crossbows in or on vehicles do not apply to stationary, nonmotorized vehicles not attached to a motor vehicle.
- Creates a definition of “unloaded” for electronic ignition muzzleloading firearms.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.