



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 89
[2015 Assembly Bill 434]

**Various Changes to
DNR Approvals**

2015 Wisconsin Act 89 does all of the following:

- Allows the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to designate alternative forms of proof of certain registration, certification, and approval documents by administrative rule.
- Authorizes DNR to issue Conservation Cards to be used for accessing information about an individual's approvals or safety certificates electronically.
- Authorizes DNR to issue reprints of certain approvals and recreational vehicle safety certificates.
- Eliminates the requirements that a carcass tag be attached to certain animals and instead requires only that the carcass tag be validated.
- Eliminates the prohibition against possession or control of deer or elk antlers in the velvet or a deer or an elk skin in the spotted coat of a lawfully killed deer or elk unless DNR has authorized the possession.
- Makes other changes related to the types of registration plates required for recreational vehicles.
- Updates laws related to making false statements on registration applications for recreational vehicles and laws related to fraudulent serial and vehicle identification numbers and other approvals.
- Increases the penalties for a number of violations of natural resource statutes.
- Allows nonresidents to register snowmobiles as "antique snowmobiles" in the same manner and at the same cost as residents may do so under current law.

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.wisconsin.gov>.

- Allows for prosecution in Dane County of offenses relating to approval fraud that occurs out of state.
- Allows for certain receipts to provide proof that a person holds a recreational vehicle registration, certification, trail pass, or trail use sticker until official documents are received.
- Provides that an enforcing officer, after having identified himself or herself as an enforcing officer, and within certain limitations, has reasonable suspicion to perform a stop if certain recreational vehicles do not visibly display registration, certification, or trail use decal.

Effective date: The majority of the provisions in the Act take effect on March 1, 2016, except that the provisions related to snowmobile temporary trail passes took effect on November 13, 2015.

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