



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 875

Senate Amendment 1

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Current law requires the owner of a motor boat or a larger sail boat (a boat), a snowmobile, or an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) to obtain a registration from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The DNR issues a certificate of number for a boat or a registration certificate for a snowmobile or ATV. The current statutes include several exceptions from these requirements, such as vehicles that are used exclusively in racing competition.

Assembly Bill 875 creates an additional exemption from these statutes for a boat, snowmobile, or ATV that is present in this state for a period not to exceed 15 days and that is used exclusively as part of an advertisement that is being made for the manufacturer of the boat, snowmobile, or ATV. The bill also creates an exemption from the trail use sticker for ATVs and snowmobiles.

Assembly Amendment 1 changes the treatment of boats under the bill. Rather than creating an exemption from the certificate of number and registration requirements, as provided in the bill, the amendment requires the DNR to issue a certificate of number for a period for a boat not to exceed 15 days for any boat that is present in this state and used exclusively as part of an advertisement for the manufacture of the boat. Under the amendment, the DNR may not charge a fee for issuance of the certificate of number. DNR is given authority to promulgate rules regarding the issuance of certificates of number under the amendment. The purpose for this amendment is to avoid noncompliance with the uniform boat titling and registration requirements under federal law.

Senate Amendment 1 amends the language inserted by Assembly Amendment 1, conforming it to other similar provisions in the bill. Specifically, Senate Amendment 1 provides that the exemption for boats applies if the boat is present in the state and used exclusively as a part of an advertisement “*being made for*” the manufacturer of the boat. This is the same language used elsewhere in the bill to refer to advertisements for snowmobiles and ATVs.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered on March 9, 2006 by Representative Pettis and the amendment was adopted and the bill passed, as amended by the Assembly that same day on a voice vote. In the Senate, the bill was referred to the Committee on Higher Education and Tourism. Senate Amendment 1 was introduced and adopted by the committee on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0. The bill was recommended for concurrence, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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