



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Senate Bill 392

Senate Amendments 1, 2, and 3

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CURRENT LAW

Under current law:

- An owner of a special interest vehicle that is 20 or more years old may, under specified circumstances, register the vehicle as a *special interest vehicle*. A special interest vehicle, commonly known as a “*collector vehicle*,” is a motor vehicle that has not been changed from its original manufacturer’s specifications and that is being preserved for its historic interest. Vehicles registered as special interest vehicles are issued distinctive registration plates, commonly known as “collector plates,” that identify the vehicle as a special interest vehicle owned by a Wisconsin vehicle collector and that display the vehicle owner’s collector’s identification number. A special interest vehicle may be reregistered for no additional fee if, with an exception, the vehicle is not operated on the highways during the month of January. Collector vehicles that are trucks may not haul material weighing more than 500 pounds.
- The Department of Transportation (DOT) must refuse registration of any vehicle that is originally designed and manufactured for off-highway operation unless the vehicle meets certain federal motor vehicle safety standards.

2009 SENATE BILL 392

2009 Senate Bill 392:

- Allows former military vehicles to be registered as a type of *special interest vehicle*. The bill *defines* “*former military vehicle*” as a vehicle, including a trailer but excluding a tracked vehicle, that is at least 25 years old, was manufactured for use in any country’s

military forces, and is maintained to accurately represent its military design and markings, regardless of the vehicle's size or weight.

- Allows a former military vehicle to be registered as a special interest vehicle even if it is originally designed and manufactured for off-highway operation and does not meet certain federal motor vehicle safety standards. Former military vehicles registered as collector vehicles are not subject to the 500-pound weight limitation for hauling material.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1 (adopted by Senate Committee)

Senate Amendment 1 (which was adopted by the Senate Committee--see below) changes the bill's definition of "former military vehicle" to read: "Former military vehicle" means ***a high-mobility, all-terrain, four-wheel or six-wheel drive vehicle originally manufactured for military use and commonly known by the trade named of "Pinzgauer,"*** which is at least 25 years old.

SENATE AMENDMENT 2 (adopted by Senate Committee)

Senate Amendment 2 (which was adopted by the Senate Committee--see below) changes the bill's definition of "former military vehicle" to read: "Former military vehicle" means ***a vehicle commonly known by the name of "Kaiser Jeep M715,"*** which is at least 25 years old.

SENATE AMENDMENT 3 (offered by Senator Erpenbach)

Senate Amendment 3 (offered by Senator Erpenbach) changes the bill's definition of "former military vehicle" to read: "Former military vehicle" means any of the following vehicles if the vehicle is 25 years old:

1. A high-mobility, all-terrain, four-wheel or six-wheel drive vehicle originally manufactured for military use and commonly known by the trade name of ***"Pinzgauer."***
2. A vehicle commonly known by the name of ***"Kaiser Jeep M715."***
3. ***A high mobility, multipurpose wheeled vehicle originally manufactured for use by the U.S. military forces and commonly known by the name of "Humvee" that, notwithstanding the 25-year old limit, above, is at least 22 years old.***

Legislative History

At an executive session on February, 4, 2010, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry and Natural Resources adopted Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to the bill, both on votes of Ayes 5; Noes, 1. The committee then recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 0.

Since the executive action on the bill, Senator Erpenbach has offered Senate Amendment 3 to the bill.

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