



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2013 Assembly Bill 347**

**Assembly  
Substitute Amendment 1**

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### **Current Law**

Under current law, with limited exceptions, an applicant for a motor vehicle operator's license must successfully complete a knowledge test and an on-the-road driving skills test; however, the Department of Transportation (DOT) must waive the driving skills test for a person applying for authorization to operate motorcycles if the person has successfully completed a basic rider course approved by DOT. Current law also provides that DOT may not require a person applying for authorization to operate motorcycles to first hold an instruction permit if the person has successfully completed a basic rider course.

### **Assembly Bill 347**

Assembly Bill 347 requires DOT to waive the driving skills test for a person applying for authorization to operate motorcycles if the person has completed a basic or more advanced rider class approved by DOT. The bill also provides that DOT may not require a person applying for authorization to operate motorcycles to first hold an instruction permit if the person is under 18 and has completed a basic rider course approved by DOT; or if the person is over 18 and has successfully completed a basic or more advanced rider course approved by DOT.

### **Assembly Substitute Amendment 1**

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 requires DOT to waive the driving skills test for a person applying for authorization to operate motorcycles who has successfully completed a rider course approved by the Wisconsin DOT Motorcycle Safety Program. Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 also provides that DOT may not require a person who is applying for authorization to operate motorcycles to hold an instruction permit if he or she has successfully completed a rider course approved by the Wisconsin DOT Motorcycle Safety Program. Finally, the substitute amendment provides that DOT may not issue a license authorizing the operation of motorcycles to a person under 18 unless the person has completed a basic rider course approved by the Wisconsin DOT Motorcycle Safety Program. Current

law prohibits DOT from issuing a license to such applicants unless he or she has completed a basic rider course approved by DOT.

**Bill History**

Representative Weatherston offered Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on September 23, 2013. On October 1, 2013, the Assembly Committee on Transportation unanimously recommended adoption of Assembly Substitute Amendment 1. On the same day, the Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended passage of Assembly Bill 347, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 1.

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