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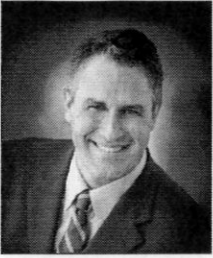
I would like to thank the Assembly Committee on Transportation for allowing me to testify on Assembly Bill 511. I was pleased to work with Senator Lasse on this common sense legislation.

Assembly Bill 511 is a simple bill that would allow handicapped motorcycle riders to use handicap parking spaces. Currently anyone with a handicapped parking permit issued from the Department of Transportation may use designated parking spots. However, this is not true for those who ride motorcycles.

Assembly Bill 511 / Senate Bill 387 would remove the term "other than a motorcycle" in several sections of current statute, and add the term "motorcycle" to the list of accepted vehicles.

This bill received great support in the Senate Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs public hearing.

I would like to thank all co-sponsors on this piece of legislation.



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Senator Lasee's Testimony

Assembly Bill 511—Use of Special Identification Cards for Persons with Physical Disabilities

When someone has a physical disability that makes it difficult for them to walk, they can apply for an identification card from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation that allows them to park in spaces reserved for disabled people. Current law only allows these identification cards to be used for all motor vehicles, with one exception. If someone with a physical disability operates a motorcycle, they cannot use the handicapped identification card to park in these reserved parking spaces.

This bill is simple. It adds motorcycles to the list of acceptable vehicles that may utilize handicapped identification cards by eliminating the term *other than a motorcycle* in several sections of the applicable statutes. This bill is a common sense bill and it is the right thing to do.