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Sponsor(s): Senator Pflug

Brief Description: Providing for safety training for all-terrain vehicle operators.

**SB 6429 - DIGEST**

Requires the department to adopt standards for and implement a comprehensive all-terrain vehicle safety education and training program. The program must provide for the hands-on training of all-terrain vehicle operators, and for the issuance of all-terrain vehicle safety certificates to operators who successfully complete the training. Course content shall be adopted from a curriculum developed by a nationally recognized safety organization such as the all-terrain vehicle safety institute.

Provides that the director will by rule establish a program to certify all-terrain vehicle safety instructors, clubs, associations, municipalities, or political subdivisions to conduct a training program and to issue safety certificates in the director's name.

Requires that all-terrain vehicle safety instructors at a minimum shall meet the following requirements to become certified:

- (1) Possess a current all-terrain vehicle safety instructor certification or license issued by a recognized all-terrain vehicle safety organization;

- (2) Be at least eighteen years of age;

- (3) Have no convictions relating to or as a result of the use of alcohol or drugs during the immediately preceding two years; and

- (4) Have no previous felony convictions.

Provides that: (1) All-terrain vehicles with engine capacity of seventy cubic centimeter displacement ("cc") up to and including ninety cc may be operated on public land only by those aged twelve and older.

- (2) All-terrain vehicles with engine capacity greater than ninety cc may be operated on public land only by those aged sixteen and older.

- (3) Persons under age sixteen must be under continuous adult supervision while operating an ATV on public land.