

HB 1029-S2 - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

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 must be adopted from a curriculum developed by a nationally recognized safety organization, such as the All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute, and approved by the director.

Provides that the department may authorize persons, clubs, associations, municipalities, or other political subdivisions of the state to conduct classes and issue all-terrain vehicle safety certificates in the director's name. Any authorized person, club, association, municipality, or political subdivision may charge a reasonable fee, subject to department approval, for the training course.

Requires that, beginning January 1, 2008, to operate an ATV on public land a person under sixteen years of age must possess a safety certificate issued by the director or by another state or Canadian province. A nonresident who does not possess a safety certificate may operate an ATV on public land for twenty-one days in a calendar year.

Declares that no person may: (1) Cross any interstate or limited access highway;

(2) Operate an all-terrain vehicle on public land, if under sixteen years of age, without continuous adult supervision;

(3) Operate an all-terrain vehicle on public land, if under sixteen years of age, without eye protection and a safety helmet;

(4) Carry a passenger on an all-terrain vehicle on public land unless the ATV is specifically manufactured to accommodate multiple riders.