
HOUSE BILL 1619

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By Representatives Hope, Reykdal, Orcutt, Green, and McCune

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the use of all-terrain vehicles on
2 public roadways under certain conditions; adding a new section to
3 chapter 46.61 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a person
8 may operate an all-terrain vehicle upon a roadway of this state having
9 a speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour or less if:

10 (a) The person does not operate an all-terrain vehicle upon state
11 highways that are listed in chapter 47.17 RCW;

12 (b) The person does not operate an all-terrain vehicle upon a
13 roadway of this state without first having obtained and having in full
14 force and effect a current and proper vehicle registration and display
15 vehicle license plates in compliance with chapter 46.16A RCW;

16 (c) The person does not operate an all-terrain vehicle upon a
17 roadway of this state without (i) first obtaining a valid driver's
18 license issued to Washington residents in compliance with chapter 46.20

1 RCW, or (ii) possessing a valid driver's license issued by the state of
2 the person's residence if the person is a nonresident;

3 (d) The person does not operate an all-terrain vehicle subject to
4 registration under chapter 46.16A RCW on a roadway of this state unless
5 the person is insured under a motor vehicle liability policy in
6 compliance with chapter 46.30 RCW;

7 (e) The person operating an all-terrain vehicle does not cross a
8 roadway with a speed limit in excess of thirty-five miles per hour,
9 unless the crossing begins and ends on a roadway with a speed limit of
10 thirty-five miles per hour or less and occurs at an intersection of
11 approximately ninety degrees, except that the operator of an all-
12 terrain vehicle must not cross an uncontrolled intersection of streets
13 and highways that are part of the state highway system subject to Title
14 47 RCW unless that intersection has been authorized by local
15 authorities under subsection (4) of this section; and

16 (f) The person operating an all-terrain vehicle with a solid rear
17 axle does not operate the vehicle on a roadway that is paved with
18 concrete or asphalt.

19 (2) Any all-terrain vehicle operated under this section must have
20 a headlight, taillight, and brake light, and a mirror both on the left
21 and right handlebar.

22 (3) Any person who violates this section commits a traffic
23 infraction.

24 (4) This section does not prevent local authorities, with respect
25 to streets and highways under their jurisdiction and within the
26 reasonable exercise of their police power, from regulating the
27 operation of all-terrain vehicles on streets and highways under their
28 jurisdiction by resolution or ordinance of the governing body, if the
29 regulation is consistent with this title, except that:

30 (a) Local authorities may not authorize the operation of all-
31 terrain vehicles on streets and highways that are part of the state
32 highway system subject to Title 47 RCW; and

33 (b) Local authorities may not establish requirements for the
34 registration of all-terrain vehicles.

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