

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5332

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As of January 29, 2021

**Title:** An act relating to clarifying equipment requirements for wheeled all-terrain vehicles.

**Brief Description:** Clarifying equipment requirements for wheeled all-terrain vehicles.

**Sponsors:** Senator Padden.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/01/21.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Clarifies the equipment required for wheeled all-terrain vehicles (WATV) registered and used on a public roadway, and for WATV registered and used off-road.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Staff:** Kimberly Johnson (786-7472)

**Background:** Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles. A wheeled all-terrain vehicle (WATV) is a specific category of off-road vehicles authorized to travel on public roadways under certain circumstances. There are basically two types of WATV. One is a motorized nonhighway vehicle weighing less than 1500 pounds which is equipped with handlebars, four tires, and a seat with a height of at least 20 inches. The second type is a utility-type vehicle having a maximum width of less than 74 inches and a maximum weight of less than 2000 pounds, that can travel on four or more low pressure tires.

Off-Road Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicle Use. WATV off-road use requires registration and payment of an \$18 fee and must display a metal tag affixed to the rear of the vehicle with the appropriate off-road tab. The following equipment is required for off road WATV use:

- headlight and tail light between hours of dusk and dawn when operating on property

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- not owned by the operator; and
- spark arrester and muffling device.

On-Road Whelld All-Terrain Use. A person who operates a WATV on a public roadway must have a valid driver's license for travel on public roadways and a current on-road vehicle registration. To obtain an on-road registration the required on-road equipment must first be installed, and the WATV must have been inspected by a licensed WATV dealer or repair shop who fills out the WATV road use declaration. The owner must then submit the declaration to the Department of Licensing, pay a \$12 fee, and register the WATV for on-road use. The eligible WATV must display a metal tag affixed to the rear of the vehicle with the appropriate on-road tab. The equipment required for on-road use includes:

- headlight;
- tail lamp—two tail lamps for utility type WATV;
- stop lamp;
- reflectors;
- turn-signals;
- mirror—two mirrors for utility type WATV;
- windshield;
- horn;
- brakes;
- spark arrester and muffling device; and
- seatbelts—for utility type WATV.

**Summary of Bill:** The equipment required for a WATV registered and used on a public roadway and for WATV registered and used off-road is clarified.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.