

H. 808—ATV statutory Amendments

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- Definitions — deletes clubs and associations and defines VASA, direct supervision, farming and forestry operation, law enforcement officer and state land
- Prohibits ATV operation with a suspended motor vehicle license, without a helmet, off trail, without liability insurance, in excess of speed limit, in a careless and negligent manner, in a manner that causes harm to wildlife
- Clarifies use of ATV exemptions for farming and forestry operations
- Requires out of state ATV operators to have a VASA Trail Access Decal and to comply with the statute. Out of state ATV registration receives reciprocity.
- Strengthens equipment provisions, including brake lights and muffler systems.
- Establishes a speed limit of 35, requires signage that is consistent with Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- Increases penalties for violations of statutory provisions that are safety related or may cause harm to persons, property or animals. Allows for safety stops and inspections by law enforcement.
- Eliminates the retention of \$7000 each year by ANR for administering a grant program.
- Increases percentage of fees and penalties collected by ANR from 85% to 90% to be used to contract law enforcement.