

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**H. F. No. 917**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy

03/06/2014 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy

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Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to snowmobiles; modifying the definition of snowmobile; prohibiting  
 1.3 tampering of snowmobile odometers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012,  
 1.4 sections 84.81, subdivision 3; 325E.13, by adding a subdivision; 325E.14,  
 1.5 subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6; 325E.15.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 84.81, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 3. **Snowmobile.** "Snowmobile" means a self-propelled vehicle originally  
 1.9 manufactured and designed for travel on snow or ice steered by skis or runners.

1.10 Snowmobile does not include the following vehicles equipped with aftermarket ski and  
 1.11 track configurations:

1.12 (1) an all-terrain vehicle defined in section 84.92;

1.13 (2) an off-highway motorcycle defined in section 84.787;

1.14 (3) an off-road vehicle defined in section 84.797;

1.15 (4) a mini truck defined in section 169.011;

1.16 (5) a utility task vehicle described in section 169.045; or

1.17 (6) any other vehicle being operated off road.

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 325E.13, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 1.19 to read:

1.20 Subd. 5. **Snowmobile.** "Snowmobile" has the meaning given in section 84.81,  
 1.21 subdivision 3.

1.22 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 325E.14, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.1 Subdivision 1. **Tampering.** No person shall knowingly tamper with, adjust, alter,  
2.2 change, set back, disconnect or, with intent to defraud, fail to connect the odometer of any  
2.3 motor vehicle or snowmobile, or cause any of the foregoing to occur to an odometer of  
2.4 a motor vehicle or snowmobile, so as to reflect a lower mileage than has actually been  
2.5 driven by the motor vehicle or snowmobile.

2.6 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 325E.14, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.7 Subd. 2. **Operating restriction.** No person shall with intent to defraud, operate  
2.8 a motor vehicle on any street or highway or operate a snowmobile on public lands or  
2.9 waters knowing that the odometer of the motor vehicle or snowmobile is disconnected or  
2.10 nonfunctional.

2.11 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 325E.14, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.12 Subd. 3. **Sales and use restrictions.** No person shall advertise for sale, sell, use  
2.13 or install on any part of a motor vehicle or snowmobile, or on any odometer in a motor  
2.14 vehicle or snowmobile any device ~~which~~ that causes the odometer to register any mileage  
2.15 other than the true mileage.

2.16 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 325E.14, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.17 Subd. 4. **Sales restriction.** No person shall sell or offer for sale any motor vehicle  
2.18 or snowmobile with knowledge that the mileage registered on the odometer has been  
2.19 altered so as to reflect a lower mileage than has actually been driven by the motor vehicle  
2.20 or snowmobile without disclosing ~~such~~ the fact to prospective purchasers.

2.21 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 325E.14, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

2.22 Subd. 6. **Repair or replacement restriction.** Nothing in this section shall prevent  
2.23 the service, repair, or replacement of an odometer, provided the mileage indicated thereon  
2.24 remains the same as before the service, repair, or replacement. Where the odometer is  
2.25 incapable of registering the same mileage as before ~~such~~ the service, repair, or replacement,  
2.26 the odometer shall be adjusted to read zero and a written notice shall be attached to the left  
2.27 door frame of the motor vehicle or the left side of a snowmobile by the owner or an agent  
2.28 specifying the mileage prior to repair or replacement of the odometer and the date on  
2.29 which it was repaired or replaced. No person shall remove or alter ~~such~~ a notice so affixed.

3.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 325E.15, is amended to read:

3.2 **325E.15 TRANSFER OF MOTOR VEHICLE OR SNOWMOBILE;**  
3.3 **MILEAGE DISCLOSURE.**

3.4 No person shall transfer a motor vehicle or snowmobile without disclosing in writing  
3.5 to the transferee the true mileage registered on the odometer reading or that the actual  
3.6 mileage is unknown if the odometer reading is known by the transferor to be different  
3.7 from the true mileage. The regulations contained in Code of Federal Regulations, title  
3.8 49, sections 580.1 to 580.17, as amended through October 1, 1998, implementing Title  
3.9 IV of the Federal Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act prescribe the manner  
3.10 in which written disclosure must be made for both motor vehicles and snowmobiles  
3.11 in this state and are adopted by reference. No transferor shall violate any regulations  
3.12 adopted under this section or knowingly give a false statement to a transferee in making  
3.13 any disclosure required by the regulations.