SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETIETH SESSION

S.F. No. 1057

1.1   A bill for an act

1.2   relating to natural resources; modifying youth all-terrain vehicle operation
1.3   restrictions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.9256, subdivision 1.

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

1.5   Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.9256, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6   Subdivision 1. **Prohibitions on youthful operators.** (a) Except for operation on public

1.7   road rights-of-way that is permitted under section 84.928 and as provided under paragraph

1.8   (j), a driver's license issued by the state or another state is required to operate an all-terrain

1.9   vehicle along or on a public road right-of-way.

1.10   (b) A person under 12 years of age shall not:

1.11   (1) make a direct crossing of a public road right-of-way;

1.12   (2) operate an all-terrain vehicle on a public road right-of-way in the state; or

1.13   (3) operate an all-terrain vehicle on public lands or waters, except as provided in

1.14   paragraph (f).

1.15   (c) Except for public road rights-of-way of interstate highways, a person 12 years of age

1.16   but less than 16 years may make a direct crossing of a public road right-of-way of a trunk,

1.17   county state-aid, or county highway or operate on public lands and waters or state or

1.18   grant-in-aid trails, only if that person possesses a valid all-terrain vehicle safety certificate

1.19   issued by the commissioner and is accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older who

1.20   holds a valid driver's license.

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2.1   (d) To be issued an all-terrain vehicle safety certificate, a person at least 12 years old,

2.2   but less than 16 years old, must:

2.3   (1) successfully complete the safety education and training program under section 84.925,

2.4   subdivision 1, including a riding component; and

2.5   (2) be able to properly reach and control the handle bars and reach the foot pegs while

2.6   sitting upright on the seat of the all-terrain vehicle.

2.7   (e) A person at least 11 years of age may take the safety education and training program

2.8   and may receive an all-terrain vehicle safety certificate under paragraph (d), but the certificate

2.9   is not valid until the person reaches age 12.

2.10   (f) A person at least ten years of age but under 12 years of age may operate an all-terrain

2.11   vehicle with an engine capacity up to 90cc 170 cubic centimeters on public lands or waters

2.12   if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

2.13   (g) A person under 15 years of age shall not operate a class 2 all-terrain vehicle.

2.14   (h) A person under the age of 16 may not operate an all-terrain vehicle on public lands

2.15   or waters or on state or grant-in-aid trails if the person cannot properly reach and control

2.16   the handle bars and reach the foot pegs while sitting upright on the seat of the all-terrain

2.17   vehicle.

2.18   (i) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), a nonresident at least 12 years old, but less than 16

2.19   years old, may make a direct crossing of a public road right-of-way of a trunk, county

2.20   state-aid, or county highway or operate an all-terrain vehicle on public lands and waters or

2.21   state or grant-in-aid trails if:

2.22   (1) the nonresident youth has in possession evidence of completing an all-terrain safety

2.23   course offered by the ATV Safety Institute or another state as provided in section 84.925,

2.24   subdivision 3; and

2.25   (2) the nonresident youth is accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older who holds

2.26   a valid driver's license.

2.27   (j) A person 12 years of age but less than 16 years of age may operate an all-terrain

2.28   vehicle on the roadway, bank, slope, or ditch of a public road right-of-way as permitted

2.29   under section 84.928 if the person:

2.30   (1) possesses a valid all-terrain vehicle safety certificate issued by the commissioner;

2.31   and

2.32   (2) is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian on a separate all-terrain vehicle.