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Introduction and first reading

OFFICIAL STATUS

Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to natural resources; modifying off-highway motorcycle registration
- 1.3 requirements; modifying all-terrain vehicle training age restrictions; amending
- 1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 84.788, subdivision 2; 84.9256, subdivision 1.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.788, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subd. 2. **Exemptions.** Registration is not required for off-highway motorcycles:
- 1.8 (1) owned and used by the United States, an Indian tribal government, the state, another
- 1.9 state, or a political subdivision;
- 1.10 (2) registered in another state or country that have not been within this state for more
- 1.11 than 30 consecutive days;
- 1.12 (3) registered under chapter 168, when operated on forest roads to gain access to a state
- 1.13 forest campground;
- 1.14 (4) used exclusively in organized track racing events;
- 1.15 (5) operated on state or grant-in-aid trails by a nonresident possessing a nonresident
- 1.16 off-highway motorcycle state trail pass; ~~or~~
- 1.17 (6) operated by a person participating in an event for which the commissioner has issued
- 1.18 a special use permit; or
- 1.19 (7) operated on boundary trails and registered in another state or country providing equal
- 1.20 reciprocal registration or licensing exemptions for registrants of this state.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.9256, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.2 Subdivision 1. **Prohibitions on youthful operators.** (a) Except for operation on public
2.3 road rights-of-way that is permitted under section 84.928 and as provided under paragraph
2.4 (j), a driver's license issued by the state or another state is required to operate an all-terrain
2.5 vehicle along or on a public road right-of-way.

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

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

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

2.9 (3) operate an all-terrain vehicle on public lands or waters, except as provided in
2.10 paragraph (f).

2.11 (c) Except for public road rights-of-way of interstate highways, a person 12 years of age
2.12 but less than 16 years may make a direct crossing of a public road right-of-way of a trunk,
2.13 county state-aid, or county highway or operate on public lands and waters or state or
2.14 grant-in-aid trails, only if that person possesses a valid all-terrain vehicle safety certificate
2.15 issued by the commissioner and is accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older who
2.16 holds a valid driver's license.

2.17 (d) To be issued an all-terrain vehicle safety certificate, a person at least 12 years old,
2.18 but less than 16 years old, must:

2.19 (1) successfully complete the safety education and training program under section 84.925,
2.20 subdivision 1, including a riding component; and

2.21 (2) be able to properly reach and control the handle bars and reach the foot pegs while
2.22 sitting upright on the seat of the all-terrain vehicle.

2.23 (e) A person at least ~~14~~ six years of age may take the safety education and training
2.24 program and may receive an all-terrain vehicle safety certificate under paragraph (d), but
2.25 the certificate is not valid until the person reaches age 12.

2.26 (f) A person at least ten years of age but under 12 years of age may operate an all-terrain
2.27 vehicle with an engine capacity up to 90cc on public lands or waters if accompanied by a
2.28 parent or legal guardian.

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

2.30 (h) A person under the age of 16 may not operate an all-terrain vehicle on public lands
2.31 or waters or on state or grant-in-aid trails if the person cannot properly reach and control

3.1 the handle bars and reach the foot pegs while sitting upright on the seat of the all-terrain
3.2 vehicle.

3.3 (i) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), a nonresident at least 12 years old, but less than 16
3.4 years old, may make a direct crossing of a public road right-of-way of a trunk, county
3.5 state-aid, or county highway or operate an all-terrain vehicle on public lands and waters or
3.6 state or grant-in-aid trails if:

3.7 (1) the nonresident youth has in possession evidence of completing an all-terrain safety
3.8 course offered by the ATV Safety Institute or another state as provided in section 84.925,
3.9 subdivision 3; and

3.10 (2) the nonresident youth is accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older who holds
3.11 a valid driver's license.

3.12 (j) A person 12 years of age but less than 16 years of age may operate an all-terrain
3.13 vehicle on the roadway, bank, slope, or ditch of a public road right-of-way as permitted
3.14 under section 84.928 if the person:

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

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