

6100.5500 SNOWMOBILE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.

Subpart 1. **Administration.** Snowmobile education and training programs will be administered by the snowmobile safety coordinator, Department of Natural Resources.

Subp. 2. **Purpose.** Training programs will be conducted in each county for the purpose of qualifying persons 12 years of age or older, but less than 18, for a snowmobile safety certificate.

Subp. 3. **Course content.** The course content will include the following: machine nomenclature, control familiarization, machine safety features, operating procedures, snowmobile and highway laws and regulations, loading and towing procedures, snowmobile code of ethics, safety hazards of operation, including possible hearing damage, environmental consequences of snowmobile use, and performance and written tests.

Subp. 4. **Fee.** The fee for enrollment in a training program class is \$2, payable in advance. A student who fails to pass may take the class over when available, without additional fee. Persons age 18 or over, or age 11 may be admitted to a class to the extent facilities permit upon payment of the \$2 fee.

Subp. 5. **Safety certificate.** Upon successful completion of the training program by a student, the instructor will submit the name, address, and date of birth of the student to the snowmobile safety coordinator who will issue to the student, on behalf of the commissioner, a snowmobile safety certificate. A duplicate certificate will be issued if the original is lost or destroyed, upon application and payment of \$2. No snowmobile safety certificate shall be issued to any person less than 12 years of age except to the parents or guardian of that person, to be held by such parent or guardian until the person's 12th birthday.

Subp. 6. **Age limitations.** Each snowmobile safety certificate issued shall show on its face the birthdate of the person to whom it was issued. No person less than 14 years of age or any other person 14 years of age but less than 18 years of age who does not possess a snowmobile safety certificate may make a direct crossing of a street or highway at any time.

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