

HB 2082 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Class II and Class IV all-terrain vehicle (ATV) operators who are 16 years of age or older to carry and present both a driver license and ATV operator permit, and to complete a safety education course or equivalency examination to obtain an ATV operator permit. Limits Class II ATV permits to persons age 15 or older. Directs the Parks and Recreation Department to adopt rules for Class II ATV safety education courses and to issue permits to persons who complete the course. Adds Class II ATVs to various offenses related to ATVs in general and creates the offense of operating a Class II ATV without driving privileges, punishable by a maximum fine of \$500. Create offense of endangering a Class II ATV operator, punishable by a maximum fine of \$500. Creates offense of failure to carry ATV operator permit or to present ATV permit to police officer, punishable by a maximum fine of \$500. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

All-terrain vehicles, also known as ATVs, fall under four classifications: Class I ATVs are generally three- or four-wheeled, weigh less than 1,200 pounds, and use straddle seats and handlebar steering; Class II ATVs are larger vehicles and are typically off-road capable versions of street-legal vehicles; Class III ATVs are off-road motorcycles or dirt bikes; and Class IV ATVs, typically called side-by-sides or utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), are smaller than Class II ATVs but share similar structures and use non-straddle seating and steering wheels.