

# ATV Safety Education

Right now, safety education cards are required for some types of ATVs and not for others. Safety concerns are rising as ATV sales have increased and more riders are flocking to the sand dunes. To increase safety and decrease confusion, HB 2082 proposes safety education cards be required for all ATV riders on public lands.

## A Trained Rider is a Safer Rider



ATV Safety Education Cards are currently required for Class I (four-wheelers) and Class III (dirt bikes) operators of all ages and Class IV (side-by-side) operators under the age of 16. Currently, Class II (Jeeps, Trucks, and Sand-rails) and Class IV operators age 16 or over only need a state issued driver's license to operate off-road. HB 2082 would create uniformity and a level playing field by requiring all operators to have an ATV Safety Education Card.

Class II and Class IV operators that have a state issued driver's license have a basic understanding of on-road operation but that doesn't translate into understanding of off-road operation. There are specific laws, rules, environmental and safety concerns that directly affect off-road operation. Class IV ATV sales have been skyrocketing to a new segment of people who have no ATV experience. They do not know the rules or hazards associated with ATV use in the woods or dunes.

The safety education training is a free, easy to take, online course to help increase overall awareness of safety rules and promote safe riding practices for all ATV riders on public lands.

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