



State of Wisconsin  
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**2019 SENATE BILL 583**

1       **AN ACT** *to repeal* 23.33 (1) (iq), 23.33 (2) (b) 4. and 340.01 (36r); *to renumber*  
2       *and amend* 23.33 (9) (bg); *to amend* 20.370 (5) (ct), 20.370 (5) (cu), 23.33 (1)  
3       (ng) 1. b., 23.33 (1) (ng) 1. h., 23.33 (1) (ng) 2. a., 23.33 (1) (ng) 2. b., 23.33 (1) (ng)  
4       2. d., 23.33 (2) (b) 1., 23.33 (2j) (e), 23.33 (3) (em), 23.33 (4) (d) (intro.), 23.33 (6)  
5       (a), 23.33 (6) (f), 23.33 (6) (g), 23.33 (6r), 23.33 (9) (bb), 23.33 (9) (bg) (title),  
6       340.01 (2g) and 346.02 (11); and *to create* 23.33 (1) (fe), 23.33 (1) (jd), 23.33 (1)  
7       (jqm), 23.33 (1) (ng) 2. e., 23.33 (2) (b) 1m., 23.33 (3) (ht), 23.33 (3g) (e), 23.33  
8       (3g) (f), 23.33 (4z) (a) 3., 23.33 (6) (cd), 23.33 (6) (ch), 23.33 (6) (cp), 23.33 (6) (ct),  
9       23.33 (9) (b) 7., 23.33 (9) (b) 8., 23.33 (9) (bc), 23.33 (9) (bg) 2., 23.33 (11m) and  
10       23.90 (7) of the statutes; **relating to:** regulation of all-terrain vehicles and

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1 utility terrain vehicles, all-terrain vehicle projects, and making an  
2 appropriation.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3 **SECTION 1.** 20.370 (5) (ct) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 20.370 (5) (ct) *Recreation aids — all-terrain vehicle project aids; gas tax*  
5 *payment.* As a continuing appropriation, an amount equal to the estimated  
6 all-terrain vehicle gas tax payment to provide aid to towns, villages, cities, counties,  
7 and federal agencies for nonstate all-terrain vehicle projects and to provide aid to  
8 nonprofit organizations for the production of maps and digital information  
9 applications under s. 23.33 (9) (b) 7., communications equipment under s. 23.33 (9)  
10 (b) 8., and the placement of signs developed under s. 23.33 (4z) (a) 3.

11 **SECTION 2.** 20.370 (5) (cu) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 20.370 (5) (cu) *Recreation aids — all-terrain vehicle project aids.* As a  
13 continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule from moneys received from  
14 all-terrain vehicle fees under s. 23.33 (2) (c) to (e) to provide aid to towns, villages,  
15 cities, counties, and federal agencies for nonstate all-terrain vehicle projects and to  
16 provide aid to nonprofit organizations for the production of maps and digital  
17 information applications under s. 23.33 (9) (b) 7., communications equipment under  
18 s. 23.33 (9) (b) 8., and the placement of signs developed under s. 23.33 (4z) (a) 3.

19 **SECTION 3.** 23.33 (1) (fe) of the statutes is created to read:

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1           23.33 (1) (fe) “Federal agency” means the United States, any department of the  
2 United States, or any corporation, agency, or instrumentality that is created,  
3 designated, or established by the United States.

4           **SECTION 3m.** 23.33 (1) (iq) of the statutes is repealed.

5           **SECTION 4.** 23.33 (1) (jd) of the statutes is created to read:

6           23.33 (1) (jd) “Public utility” has the meaning given in s. 196.01 (5).

7           **SECTION 5.** 23.33 (1) (jqm) of the statutes is created to read:

8           23.33 (1) (jqm) “State agency” means any office, department, or independent  
9 agency in the executive branch of state government.

10          **SECTION 6.** 23.33 (1) (ng) 1. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

11          23.33 (1) (ng) 1. b. Four or more ~~low-pressure tires or non-pneumatic~~ tires.

12          **SECTION 7.** 23.33 (1) (ng) 1. h. of the statutes is amended to read:

13          23.33 (1) (ng) 1. h. A width of not more than 65 inches as measured laterally  
14 between the outermost wheel rim on each side of the vehicle, exclusive of tires,  
15 mirrors, and accessories that are not essential to the vehicle’s basic operation.

16          **SECTION 8.** 23.33 (1) (ng) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

17          23.33 (1) (ng) 2. a. It ~~has~~ does not meet federal motor vehicle safety standards  
18 in effect on July 1, 2012; is not a golf cart, low-speed vehicle, dune buggy, mini-truck,  
19 or tracked vehicle; is designed to be used primarily off of a highway; and has, and was  
20 originally manufactured with, a weight, without fluids, of ~~more than 900 pounds but~~  
21 not more than 2000 pounds.

22          **SECTION 9.** 23.33 (1) (ng) 2. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

23          23.33 (1) (ng) 2. b. It has a width of ~~50~~ 65 inches or less as measured laterally  
24 between the outermost wheel rim on each side of the vehicle, exclusive of tires,  
25 mirrors, and accessories that are not essential to the vehicle’s basic operation.

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1           **SECTION 10.** 23.33 (1) (ng) 2. d. of the statutes is amended to read:

2           23.33 (1) (ng) 2. d. It travels on 3 or more ~~low-pressure tires or non-pneumatic~~  
3           tires.

4           **SECTION 10m.** 23.33 (1) (ng) 2. e. of the statutes is created to read:

5           23.33 (1) (ng) 2. e. It is not an all-terrain vehicle, as defined in s. 340.01 (2g).

6           **SECTION 11e.** 23.33 (2) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

7           23.33 (2) (b) 1. ~~Owned by the United States, or leased by a federal agency, state~~  
8           ~~agency, political subdivision of the state, or another state or a political subdivision~~  
9           ~~thereof, but if the exterior of the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle shall~~  
10           ~~display in a visible manner the name of the owner~~ displays the name of the  
11           government entity in a visible manner, except as provided in subd. 1m.

12           **SECTION 11m.** 23.33 (2) (b) 1m. of the statutes is created to read:

13           23.33 (2) (b) 1m. Owned or leased by a federal agency, state agency, political  
14           subdivision of the state, or another state or a political subdivision thereof and used  
15           for enforcement purposes.

16           **SECTION 11s.** 23.33 (2) (b) 4. of the statutes is repealed.

17           **SECTION 11u.** 23.33 (2j) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

18           23.33 (2j) (e) An all-terrain vehicle or a utility terrain vehicle that is registered  
19           under sub. (2) (a) or an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle that is exempt  
20           from registration under sub. (2) (b) 1., 1m., 3., or 3m., ~~or 4.~~ is exempt from having a  
21           nonresident trail pass or temporary trail use receipt displayed as required under par.  
22           (b). The department may promulgate a rule to exempt all-terrain vehicles and  
23           utility terrain vehicles that are exempt from registration under sub. (2) (b) 5. from  
24           having nonresident trail passes or temporary trail use receipts displayed as required

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1 under par. (b) or may promulgate a rule to exempt owners of such vehicles from  
2 having to pay any applicable nonresident trail pass fee.

3 **SECTION 12.** 23.33 (3) (em) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 23.33 (3) (em) ~~With~~ Except as provided in sub. (11m), with a passenger riding  
5 in or on any part of ~~a~~ an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle that is not  
6 designed or intended to be used by passengers while the all-terrain vehicle or utility  
7 terrain vehicle is being operated on an all-terrain vehicle route, all-terrain vehicle  
8 trail, or roadway as authorized in this section.

9 **SECTION 13.** 23.33 (3) (ht) of the statutes is created to read:

10 23.33 (3) (ht) On all-terrain vehicles routes, all-terrain vehicles trails, public  
11 lands, or roadways unless the person complies with all stop signs, yield signs, and  
12 other regulatory signs established by rule under sub. (8) (e).

13 **SECTION 14.** 23.33 (3g) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

14 23.33 (3g) (e) The person is being transported for medical reasons while under  
15 the care of emergency personnel.

16 **SECTION 15.** 23.33 (3g) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

17 23.33 (3g) (f) The person is an emergency responder who is responding to an  
18 emergency that is directly related to the function of a city, town, village, county, state  
19 agency, federal agency, federally recognized American Indian tribe, or public safety  
20 corporation.

21 **SECTION 16.** 23.33 (4) (d) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 23.33 (4) (d) *Operation on roadway.* (intro.) A person may operate an  
23 all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle on the roadway portion of any highway  
24 if the person complies with the applicable speed limit and only in the following  
25 situations:

**SENATE BILL 583****SECTION 17**

1           **SECTION 17.** 23.33 (4z) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

2           23.33 **(4z)** (a) 3. Provide for the development of safety information signs.

3           **SECTION 18.** 23.33 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4           23.33 **(6)** (a) A person who operates an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain  
5 vehicle ~~during hours of darkness or during daylight hours on any highway~~  
6 ~~right-of-way~~ is required to display a lighted headlamp and tail lamp on the  
7 all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle.

8           **SECTION 19.** 23.33 (6) (cd) of the statutes is created to read:

9           23.33 **(6)** (cd) Except as provided in sub. (11m), no person may operate an  
10 all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle that is equipped with any of the  
11 following:

12           1. A lamp that emits any color of light other than white or amber and that is  
13 visible from directly in front of the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle.

14           2. A lamp that emits any color of light other than red, yellow, amber, or white  
15 and that is visible from directly behind the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain  
16 vehicle.

17           3. A flashing, oscillating, or rotating lamp that emits any color other than  
18 yellow or amber.

19           **SECTION 20.** 23.33 (6) (ch) of the statutes is created to read:

20           23.33 **(6)** (ch) Except as provided in sub. (11m), if an all-terrain vehicle or  
21 utility terrain vehicle with headlamps is equipped with additional adverse weather  
22 lamps, spot lamps, auxiliary lamps, or any other lamp on the front of the all-terrain  
23 vehicle or utility terrain vehicle that is capable of projecting a beam of intensity of  
24 more than 300 candlepower, the operator of the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain  
25 vehicle may not light more than 4 lamps on the front of the all-terrain vehicle or

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1 utility terrain vehicle simultaneously, not including flashing amber or yellow lights,  
2 within 500 feet of an oncoming all-terrain vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, or other  
3 vehicle upon a roadway, all-terrain vehicle route, all-terrain vehicle trail, or public  
4 area.

5 **SECTION 21.** 23.33 (6) (cp) of the statutes is created to read:

6 23.33 (6) (cp) Except as provided in sub. (11m), when the operator of an  
7 all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle equipped with multiple-beam  
8 headlamps, adverse weather lamps, spot lamps, auxiliary lamps, high-beam lamps,  
9 or any other lamps other than those required by this subsection approaches an  
10 oncoming all-terrain vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, or other vehicle within 500 feet  
11 or approaches or follows an all-terrain vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, or other  
12 vehicle within 500 feet to the rear of that vehicle, the operator shall dim, depress, or  
13 tilt the multiple-beam headlamps, adverse weather lamps, spot lamps, auxiliary  
14 lamps, high-beam lamps, or any other lamps of the all-terrain vehicle or utility  
15 terrain vehicle so that the glaring rays are not directed or reflected into the eyes of  
16 the operator of the other vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, or utility terrain vehicle. This  
17 paragraph does not prohibit an operator from intermittently flashing the high-beam  
18 headlamps of the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle at an oncoming  
19 all-terrain vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, or other vehicle whose high-beam  
20 headlamps are lit.

21 **SECTION 22.** 23.33 (6) (ct) of the statutes is created to read:

22 23.33 (6) (ct) 1. Any all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle may be  
23 equipped with not more than 2 backup lamps that shall be directed to project a white  
24 or amber light illuminating the area to the rear of the vehicle for a distance not to  
25 exceed 75 feet.

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1           2. No lighted backup lamp or white lamp visible from directly behind may be  
2 displayed on any all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle upon a highway,  
3 all-terrain vehicle route, all-terrain vehicle trail, frozen water, or public area where  
4 use of all-terrain vehicles or utility terrain vehicles is allowed except when the  
5 all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle is about to be or is being driven  
6 backward. Whenever a backup lamp on an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain  
7 vehicle is lighted, the tail lamp or tail lamps on the all-terrain vehicle or utility  
8 terrain vehicle shall also be lighted.

9           **SECTION 23.** 23.33 (6) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

10           23.33 (6) (f) An all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle may not be modified  
11 so that its maximum width exceeds 50 inches the width allowed for a utility terrain  
12 vehicle under sub. (1) (ng) 1. h. or 2. b. or the width allowed for an all-terrain vehicle  
13 under s. 340.01 (2g). This paragraph does not apply to the operation of an all-terrain  
14 vehicle or utility terrain vehicle on private property.

15           **SECTION 24.** 23.33 (6) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

16           23.33 (6) (g) An all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle may not be  
17 operated with tires anything other than low-pressure tires or non-pneumatic tires.  
18 This paragraph does not apply to the operation of an all-terrain vehicle or utility  
19 terrain vehicle on private property or on frozen waters.

20           **SECTION 25.** 23.33 (6r) of the statutes is amended to read:

21           23.33 (6r) PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS. No Except as provided in sub. (11m), no  
22 person may ride in or on any part of a- an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle  
23 that is not designed or intended to be used by passengers while the all-terrain  
24 vehicle or utility terrain vehicle is being operated on an all-terrain vehicle route,  
25 all-terrain vehicle trail, frozen water, or highway as authorized by this section. This



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1 subsection does not apply to the operation of an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain  
2 vehicle on private property.

3 **SECTION 26.** 23.33 (9) (b) 7. of the statutes is created to read:

4 23.33 (9) (b) 7. Production of trail maps and a statewide digital information  
5 application for providing safety, regulatory, and riding opportunity information.

6 **SECTION 27.** 23.33 (9) (b) 8. of the statutes is created to read:

7 23.33 (9) (b) 8. Acquisition and maintenance of communications equipment for  
8 providing support to organizations that meet the eligibility requirements under sub.  
9 (5m) (b).

10 **SECTION 28.** 23.33 (9) (bb) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 23.33 (9) (bb) *Signs.* In addition to the projects listed in par. (b), the department  
12 may provide aid from the appropriation under s. 20.370 (5) (ct) or (cu) to a town,  
13 village, city or county, or nonprofit organization for up to 100 percent of the cost of  
14 placing signs developed under sub. (4z) (a) 2. and 3.

15 **SECTION 29.** 23.33 (9) (bc) of the statutes is created to read:

16 23.33 (9) (bc) *All-terrain vehicle trail maintenance funding.* The department  
17 may provide state aid for trail maintenance costs equal to the approved eligible  
18 project costs, which may not exceed the following:

19 1. For winter maintenance of all-terrain vehicle trails that are shared with  
20 snowmobiles and that are eligible for winter maintenance, \$100 per mile.

21 2. For winter maintenance of all-terrain vehicle trails that are not shared with  
22 snowmobiles and that are eligible for winter maintenance, \$200 per mile.

23 3. For summer maintenance of all-terrain vehicle trails, \$600 per mile.

24 **SECTION 30.** 23.33 (9) (bg) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

25 23.33 (9) (bg) (title) *Projects Funding for utility terrain vehicles.*

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1           **SECTION 31.** 23.33 (9) (bg) of the statutes is renumbered 23.33 (9) (bg) 1. and  
2 amended to read:

3           23.33 **(9)** (bg) 1. A project to improve or maintain all-terrain vehicle trails for  
4 use by utility terrain vehicles is eligible for summer funding as a state utility terrain  
5 vehicle project from the appropriation account under s. 20.370 (1) (mr) or for aid as  
6 a nonstate utility vehicle project from the appropriation accounts under s. 20.370 (5)  
7 (eu) and (gr). The maximum amount allowed for aid under this paragraph  
8 subdivision is ~~\$100~~ \$200 per mile for all-terrain vehicle trails that are maintained  
9 not less than 3 months per year including the months of June, July, and August.

10           3. If the requests for aid for projects under this paragraph exceed the funds  
11 available, the department shall distribute available funds to qualified applicants on  
12 a proportional basis.

13           **SECTION 32.** 23.33 (9) (bg) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

14           23.33 **(9)** (bg) 2. A project to improve or maintain all-terrain vehicle trails for  
15 use by utility terrain vehicles is eligible for winter funding as a state utility terrain  
16 vehicle project from the appropriation account under s. 20.370 (1) (mr) or for aid as  
17 a nonstate utility vehicle project from the appropriation accounts under s. 20.370 (5)  
18 (eu) and (gr). The maximum amount allowed for aid under this subdivision is \$100  
19 per mile for all-terrain vehicle trails that are maintained not less than 2 months nor  
20 more than 6 months per year including the months of January and February.

21           **SECTION 33.** 23.33 (11m) of the statutes is created to read:

22           23.33 **(11m)** EXCEPTIONS. Subsections (3) (em), (6) (cd), (ch), (cp), and (i), and  
23 (6r) do not apply to the operator of an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle  
24 owned or leased by a city, village, town, county, state agency, federal agency, federally

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1 recognized American Indian tribe, public safety corporation, or public utility while  
2 the operator is engaged in an emergency.

3 **SECTION 33m.** 23.90 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

4 23.90 (7) In an action under s. 23.33 (2h) (a) 1. for intentionally making a false  
5 statement on an application for a registration, the defendant may be tried in the  
6 defendant's county of residence at the time that the complaint is filed, in the county  
7 where the defendant purchased the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle if  
8 purchased from a dealer, or in the county where the department of natural resources  
9 received the application.

10 **SECTION 34.** 340.01 (2g) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 340.01 (2g) "All-terrain vehicle" means a commercially designed and  
12 manufactured motor-driven device that has a weight, without fluids, of 900 pounds  
13 or less, has a width of not more than 50 inches or less as measured laterally between  
14 the outermost wheel rim on each side of the vehicle, exclusive of tires, mirrors, and  
15 accessories that are not essential to the vehicle's basic operation, is equipped with  
16 a seat designed to be straddled by the operator, and travels on 3 or more ~~low-pressure~~  
17 ~~tires or non-pneumatic~~ tires.

18 **SECTION 34m.** 340.01 (36r) of the statutes is repealed.

19 **SECTION 35.** 346.02 (11) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 346.02 (11) APPLICABILITY TO ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY TERRAIN  
21 VEHICLES. The operator of an all-terrain vehicle or a utility terrain vehicle on a  
22 roadway is subject to ss. 346.04, 346.06, 346.075 (1), 346.11, 346.14 (1m), 346.18,  
23 346.19, 346.20, 346.21, 346.215 (3), 346.26, 346.27, 346.33, 346.35, 346.37, 346.39,  
24 346.40, 346.44, 346.46, 346.47, 346.48, 346.50 (1) (b), 346.51, 346.52, 346.53, 346.54,

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1 346.55, 346.67, 346.71, 346.87, 346.88, 346.89, 346.90, 346.91, 346.92 (1) and 346.94  
2 (1) and (9) but is not subject to any other provision of this chapter.

3 **SECTION 37.** NR 64.14 (6) (b) 5. of the administrative code is amended to read:

4 NR 64.14 **(6)** (b) 5. Trails shall not be routed through ~~or by areas of anticipated~~  
5 ~~conflict that may include, but are not limited to,~~ wilderness areas, game preserves,  
6 winter browse areas, experimental stations, nurseries, or plantations and  
7 residences.

8 (END)