



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 174

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1 **AN ACT to create** 23.33 (1) (g) and 23.33 (3m) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 operation of all-terrain vehicles on real property under the management,
3 supervision, or control of the Department of Natural Resources for purposes of
4 hunting.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), no person may operate a motorized vehicle on land or in bodies of water that are in state forests or in other areas under the management, supervision, or control of DNR unless the operation of the vehicle is specifically authorized by posted notice.

This bill codifies this rule in statute as it relates to all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and provides an exemption to this rule. Under the exemption, any person who is at least 65 years old or who has been issued a Class A or Class B hunting permit by DNR may operate an ATV on land under the management, supervision, or control of DNR, and on any roadway through such land, for the purpose of legally hunting, field dressing, tagging, and retrieving game.

A Class A permit is issued to a person who has a permanent disability such as cardiovascular disease or a prosthesis and authorizes the permit holder to hunt from a stationary vehicle and to hunt with a crossbow under certain circumstances. A Class B permit is issued to a person who has a temporary disability that restricts mobility and authorizes the permit holder to use any method that is available to a Class A permit holder and that is specifically authorized by DNR under the Class B permit.

