



1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 147

March 4, 1999 - Introduced by Representatives SERATTI, PETTIS, RYBA, SYKORA, GOETSCH, MUSSEY and PETROWSKI, cosponsored by Senator ZIEN. Referred to Committee on Tourism and Recreation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 340.01 (2g) of the statutes; **relating to:** modifying the
2 definition of all-terrain vehicle.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law defines an "all-terrain vehicle" as an engine-driven device with a width of not more than 48 inches and a net weight of 650 pounds or less that is designed to travel on at least three low-pressure tires and that is equipped with a seat designed to be straddled by the vehicle operator. A person who operates an all-terrain vehicle on a highway is exempted from some traffic laws that apply to other vehicle types, and no demerit points are assessed for traffic violations committed while operating an all-terrain vehicle.

This bill expands the definition of "all-terrain vehicle" by increasing the maximum allowable net weight of an all-terrain vehicle to 700 pounds.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 340.01 (2g) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 340.01 (2g) "All-terrain vehicle" means an engine-driven device which has a
5 net weight of ~~650~~ 700 pounds or less, which has a width of 48 inches or less, which

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1 is equipped with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator and which is
2 designed to travel on 3 or more low-pressure tires. A low-pressure tire is a tire which
3 has a minimum width of 6 inches, which is designed to be mounted on a rim with a
4 maximum diameter of 12 inches and which is designed to be inflated with an
5 operating pressure not to exceed 6 pounds per square inch as recommended by the
6 manufacturer.

7 (END)