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Description Powersports vehicle manufacturers, distributors, and dealers and providing a penalty					
Fiscal Effect					
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Senate Bill 363 creates s. 218.60-62, Wis. Stats, regulating the relationship between powersports vehicle manufacturers and distributors, and powersports vehicle dealers.

Under current law, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is directed to enforce various trade practice regulations. Also under current law, the Department of Justice (DOJ) is required to furnish all legal services required by DATCP relating to the enforcement of many of those regulations. In practice, DATCP receives trade practice complaints, investigates the complaints, and attempts to mitigate the complaints. If DATCP's attempt to resolve a complaint is unsuccessful, DATCP refers the complaint to DOJ for prosecution.

SB 363 requires DATCP to investigate violations of s. 218.61. The bill also provides that DATCP, DOJ, or any district attorney may enforce s. 218.61. The Department of Justice assumes that enforcement of most, if not all, violations of s. 218.61 would be handled much like current violations of trade practice regulations as described above. However, DOJ is not aware of any information that accurately indicates how many new cases DATCP will refer to DOJ for prosecution under the provisions of SB 363.

If the number of new referrals to DOJ is significant, the department will require additional resources to handle the increased caseload.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications