

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	09-3850/1	Introduction Number	AB-0603	Estimate Type	Original
Description Operation of all-terrain vehicles to remove snow					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

- 1) ATVs with snow removal devices on roadways or highways will cause damage to pavements in the travel way or the shoulder, pavement edges where shoulders are not fully paved, and they will cause rutting on unpaved shoulders.
- 2) Mixing ATV use with other higher speed vehicles is clearly not compatible with providing a safe and reliable state highway system. Safety concerns will be greater if ATVs are operating during adverse conditions, like snow storms, or during night time hours. This bill allows ATVs to travel up to two miles along highways. These operational and safety concerns result in higher enforcement demands.
- 3) There are potentially serious consequences when ATVs can be operated by drivers between 12 and 16 years of age since they do not typically have the awareness or maturity in this environment prior to completing drivers education classes.
- 4) The placement of additional signs along ATV routes is not required but optional.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Indeterminate. Damage to highways from ATV operation as a result of this bill is difficult to approximate. ATVs cause rutting and erosion which damage drainage ditches and roadsides. ATVs throw gravel from road shoulders onto the roadway or into the roadside. When dispersed onto the highway pavement, it can cause vehicle damage and safety issues for high-speed traffic.