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2009 SENATE BILL 264

August 11, 2009 – Introduced by Joint Legislative Council. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

AN ACT *to amend* 23.33 (3) (c) and 350.10 (1) (f) of the statutes; **relating to:**trespass by operators of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, and other off-road vehicles.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the Notes provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Enhancing Recreational Trails for Non–Motorized Use.

The bill expands the current statutes that prohibit trespass with an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), snowmobile, or off-road vehicle to apply to all property, rather than just private property. This change will allow wardens and other law enforcement officers to enforce these trespass provisions on all lands.

- **SECTION 1.** 23.33 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 5 23.33 (3) (c) On the private property of another without the consent of the
- 6 owner or lessee. Failure to post private such property does not imply consent for
- 7 all-terrain vehicle use.

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Note: This provision in the current statutes [s. 23.33 (3) (c), stats.] is part of the rules of operation for ATVs. This paragraph is preceded by an introductory clause that states: "No person may operate an all-terrain vehicle:".

This bill expands the property that is subject to the prohibition by applying the prohibition to *public* property as well as private property. The bill does this by deleting "private" in the statute.

SECTION 2. 350.10 (1) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

350.10 **(1)** (f) On the private property of another without the consent of the owner or lessee. Failure to post private <u>such</u> property does not imply consent for snowmobile use. Any other motor–driven craft or vehicle principally manufactured for off–highway use shall at all times have the consent of the owner before operation of such craft or vehicle on <u>private lands</u> the property of another.

Note: This provision in the current statutes [s. 350.10 (1) (f), stats.] is part of the statutes related to snowmobile operation. This paragraph is preceded by an introductory clause that states: "No person shall operate a snowmobile in the following manner:". The provision is not limited to snowmobiles, but also applies to other "motor–driven craft or vehicle principally manufactured for off–highway use".

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