



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**

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LRB Number	<b>13-3552/2</b>	Introduction Number	<b>AB-0743</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles on highway bridges					

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

The operation of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or utility terrain vehicle (UTV) on the roadway of a highway, street, or road is currently permitted only in certain limited circumstances. This bill authorizes the operation of an ATV or UTV by an operator who is at least 16 years old on the roadway or shoulder of a highway to cross a bridge (1,000 feet in length or less) even if the roadway is officially closed to ATV or UTV traffic, if the bridge is within the territorial boundaries of a county that has enacted an ordinance allowing ATV or UTV operation on that roadway and shoulder for the purpose of crossing the bridge and is within the territorial boundaries of a municipality that has enacted a similar ordinance applicable to that bridge. The bill will presumably result in an increased use of both the roadway and shoulder of highways by these types of vehicles in order to access and cross these structures.

At this time, the Department is unable to determine the exact amount of costs it will incur from the bill. The impact of expanded ATV and UTV use on these structures will increase both the roadway costs, in terms of maintenance, as well as the law enforcement needs associated with more ATV and UTV operators on highways.

Past experience of the Department indicates that some maintenance and repair work to roadways and areas adjacent to the roadway may be necessary after 3-5 years of use by ATVs and UTVs, resulting in costs ranging from \$20,000 to \$25,000 per half-mile. This work includes shoulder rehabilitation, slope and ditch restoration, ditch drainage, culverts, driveways, roadside vegetation, and pavement. Local municipalities may also have similar maintenance and repair needs, due to increased usage by ATVs and UTVs of roadways and areas adjacent to the roadways under their jurisdiction.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

Indeterminate.