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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2019 Senate Bill 583

**Senate
Amendments 1 and 2**

2019 SENATE BILL 583

2019 Senate Bill 583 makes various changes relating to the regulation of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs). Specifically, the bill does all of the following:

- Modifies the definitions of “UTV” and “ATV” to remove a requirement to contain low -pressure tires and to specify how vehicle width is measured.
- Removes a minimum weight requirement for UTVs with three or more wheels and increases the maximum width for three-wheeled UTVs.
- Requires an operator to comply with applicable highway speed limits and with stop signs and other signs on trails.
- Prohibits certain types of lights and requires bright lights to be dimmed near oncoming traffic.
- Provides exemptions for certain ATVs and UTVs engaged in emergency situations.
- Makes certain funding from the ATV and UTV gas tax and registration fees available for aid to nonprofit organizations for the production of maps, digital information, communications equipment, and signs.
- Authorizes state funding for winter trail maintenance.
- Specifies that actions for intentional false statements on ATV and UTV applications may be tried in the county of residence, in the county of purchase, or in the county where the application was made.
- Specifies that certain requirements do not apply to vehicles driven on private property.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 modifies the “UTV” definition to clarify that the definition does not include a vehicle that is an ATV.

SENATE AMENDMENT 2

In addition to certain technical changes, Senate Amendment 2 does all of the following:

- Further modifies the definition of “UTV” to exclude golf carts and certain other low -speed vehicles.
- Clarifies that a registration exemption for ATVs and UTVs used for enforcement or emergency purposes applies to state-owned vehicles, in addition to local, federal, and other states’ vehicles.
- Further clarifies certain lighting requirements.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Marklein and others introduced 2019 Senate Bill 583 on November 27, 2019. Senator Marklein offered Senate Amendments 1 and 2 on January 3, 2020 and January 29, 2020, respectively. On January 30, 2020, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy voted to recommend adoption of both amendments, both with votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0. The committee then voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

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