2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 338

April 18, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives Seratti, Wade, Krawczyk, Lippert, Albers, Petrowski, Leibham, Gunderson, Musser, Sykora, Ryba, Ott, Pettis, Kestell and Townsend, cosponsored by Senators Zien, Breske, Harsdorf, A. Lasee and Schultz. Referred to Committee on Tourism and Recreation.

1 AN ACT to amend 340.01 (2g) of the statutes; relating to: modifying the definition of all-terrain vehicle.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law defines an "all-terrain vehicle" as an engine-driven device with a width of not more than 48 inches and a net weight of 650 pounds or less that is designed to travel on at least three low-pressure tires and that is equipped with a seat designed to be straddled by the vehicle operator. A person who operates an all-terrain vehicle on a highway is exempted from some traffic laws that apply to other vehicle types, and no demerit points are assessed for traffic violations committed while operating an all-terrain vehicle.

This bill increases the maximum allowable net weight of an all-terrain vehicle to 800 pounds.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

- 3 **Section 1.** 340.01 (2g) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 4 340.01 (2g) "All-terrain vehicle" means an engine-driven device which that
- 5 has a net weight of 650 800 pounds or less, which that has a width of 48 inches or less,

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which that is equipped with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator, and which that is designed to travel on 3 or more low-pressure tires. A low-pressure tire is a tire which has a minimum width of 6 inches, which that is designed to be mounted on a rim with a maximum diameter of 12 inches, and which that is designed to be inflated with an operating pressure not to exceed 6 pounds per square inch as recommended by the manufacturer.

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