



## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 196

March 13, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, BOYLE, BRANDEMUEHL, KAUFERT, BALDUS, NASS, RYBA, COLEMAN, GROTHMAN and WARD, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, BRESKE, ZIEN and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 23.33 (1) (jp) and 23.33 (5) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** the  
2     operation of all-terrain vehicles by minors.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill makes the following changes to the laws regulating the operation of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) by minors:

1. Under current law, minors under the age of 12 may operate small ATVs on ATV trails designated by the department of natural resources (DNR). Currently, a small ATV is defined as one that has 4 wheels and an engine that does not have more than a specific amount of power. The bill eliminates from the definition the requirement that small ATVs have 4 wheels.

2. Under current law, a minor under the age of 12 may operate an ATV only if the minor either is operating the ATV under adult supervision for an agricultural purpose or is operating a small ATV on a DNR-designated trail and is accompanied by a parent. The bill eliminates the limitation of using only DNR-designated trails for the operation of small ATVs. The bill changes the requirement that a minor be accompanied by a parent when operating a small ATV by allowing the minor to be accompanied by any person who is at least 18 years of age.

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

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

3     **SECTION 1.** 23.33 (1) (jp) of the statutes is amended to read:

