



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 44

February 22, 2013 - Introduced by Representatives SEVERSON, CZAJA, RIPP, BIES, BROOKS, ENDSLEY, KESTELL, LEMAHIEU and MURTHA, cosponsored by Senators LEIBHAM, PETROWSKI, TAYLOR, GUDEx, HARSDORF, LASSA, MOULTON, TIFFANY and VINEHOUT. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to create** 15.347 (9) and 23.178 of the statutes; **relating to:** creating an
2 off-road vehicle council.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates an off-road vehicle council in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), consisting of seven members appointed by the governor for three-year terms. The bill requires that each member of the council represent the interests of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or utility terrain vehicle (UTV) user's group and that each member be knowledgeable about outdoor recreation issues and about trails used by ATV and UTV operators.

Under this bill, the off-road vehicle council must provide advice and make recommendations to DNR, the Department of Transportation, the governor, and the legislature on matters relating to ATV trails and routes and must make recommendations to DNR concerning requests for state funding for certain ATV and UTV projects.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 15.347 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 15.347 (9) OFF-ROAD VEHICLE COUNCIL. (a) There is created in the department
2 of natural resources an off-road vehicle council consisting of 7 members appointed
3 for 3-year terms expiring March 1.

4 (b) Each member of the off-road vehicle council shall be a resident of this state,
5 shall be a member and represent the interests of an all-terrain vehicle or utility
6 terrain vehicle user's group, and shall be knowledgeable about outdoor recreation
7 issues in this state and about trails used by operators of all-terrain vehicles and
8 utility terrain vehicles.

9 (c) The off-road vehicle council shall meet at least 3 times annually.

10 **SECTION 2.** 23.178 of the statutes is created to read:

11 **23.178 Off-road vehicle council.** The off-road vehicle council shall provide
12 advice and make recommendations to the department of natural resources, the
13 department of transportation, the governor, and the legislature on all matters
14 relating to all-terrain vehicle trails and all-terrain vehicle routes, including matters
15 relating to activities conducted on all-terrain vehicle trails and all-terrain vehicle
16 routes by all-terrain vehicle users and utility terrain vehicle users, and shall make
17 recommendations to the department of natural resources with regard to incentive
18 payment requests under s. 23.33 (5r) and requests for funding under s. 23.33 (9) (b),
19 (bg), and (c).

20 **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

21 (1) Notwithstanding the length of terms specified in section 15.347 (9) (a) of the
22 statutes, as created by this act, the governor shall appoint the initial members of the
23 off-road vehicle council for the following terms:

24 (a) Two members appointed under section 15.347 (9) of the statutes, as created
25 by this act, for terms expiring on March 1, 2015.

