



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB2841

Introduced 2/17/2016, by Sen. Ira I. Silverstein

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 862/29 new
20 ILCS 862/31 new

Amends the Recreational Trails of Illinois Act. Provides that any person under the age of 18 who is operating an off-highway vehicle on public land, shall be trained and certified through a State-approved off-highway vehicle safety course. Provides that the minimum age to operate an off-highway vehicle on public land shall be 14 years old, and that any person under the age of 16 is prohibited from operating an off-highway vehicle on public land without direct adult supervision. Provides that unless the off-highway vehicle was designed by the manufacturer to carry a passenger, it shall be unlawful for a passenger to be on an off-highway vehicle on public land. Provides that any person operating an off-highway vehicle on public lands is required to wear a safety helmet and eye protection and the off-highway vehicle operated on public land shall have a headlight and tail light illuminated at night, brakes, a muffler, and a spark arrestor.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Recreational Trails of Illinois Act is
5 amended by adding Sections 29 and 31 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 862/29 new)

7 Sec. 29. Training requirements for off-highway vehicles.
8 Any person under the age of 18, operating an off-highway
9 vehicle, as defined in Section 10 of this Act, on public land,
10 shall be trained and certified through a State-approved
11 off-highway vehicle safety course.

12 (20 ILCS 862/31 new)

13 Sec. 31. Use of off-highway vehicles on public lands;
14 safety requirements.

15 (a) The minimum age to operate an off-highway vehicle on
16 public land shall be 14 years old. Any person under the age of
17 16 is prohibited from operating an off-highway vehicle on
18 public land without direct adult supervision, and is prohibited
19 from operating an adult sized all-terrain vehicle on public
20 land.

21 (b) The sale of adult size all-terrain vehicles or other
22 off-highway vehicles is prohibited for use to any person under

1 the age of 16.

2 (c) Unless the off-highway vehicle was designed by the
3 manufacturer to carry a passenger, it shall be unlawful for a
4 passenger to be on an off-highway vehicle on public land.

5 (d) An off-highway vehicle operated on public land shall
6 have a headlight and tail light illuminated at night, brakes, a
7 muffler, and a spark arrestor.

8 (e) Any person operating an off-highway vehicle on public
9 land shall wear a safety helmet and eye protection.

10 For the purposes of this Section, "off-highway vehicle" has
11 the same meaning ascribed to it in Section 10 of this Act.

12 For the purposes of this Section, an "adult sized
13 all-terrain vehicle" is an all-terrain vehicle or off-highway
14 vehicle with an engine capacity greater than 90 cc.