



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1703

PRINTERS NO. 2849

PRIME SPONSOR: Millard

### COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND         | FY 2015/16 | FY 2016/17 |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| General Fund | \$0        | \$0        |
| Local Funds  | \$0        | \$0        |

**SUMMARY:** Amends the Vehicle Code to update all-terrain vehicle (ATV) size restrictions for young operators. This legislation would take effect immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** The legislation amends Section 7725 of Title 75 (Vehicle Code) to limit ATV operators to the age recommendation warning label that is required to be affixed to the vehicle by the manufacturer. The certification label must conform to the 2010 American National Standard for Four Wheel All-Terrain Vehicles (ANSI/SVIA 1-2010). The label is based on the vehicle's speed capacity rather than its engine displacement. For older ATVs that do not contain such a label, the current 70cc restriction for 8 and 9 year olds still applies. The legislation does not change the established minimum age for operating an ATV on state-owned land, which is 8 years old.

The legislation amends Section 7725(d) of the Vehicle Code to allow a safety certificate to be presented to a law enforcement officer within five days, instead of on demand, that was valid at the time of demand. At that point the charge must be dismissed.

The legislation also updates Section 7743 to changes the word "noise" to "sound" as it relates to snowmobile mufflers. The March 1982 industry recommended practices for ATVs are replaced by the July 1998 recommendations. ATVs manufactured after 1997 cannot exceed 96 decibels, compared to 99 decibels for earlier vehicles.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or local funds.

**PREPARED BY:** Tim Rodrigo  
House Appropriations Committee (R)

**DATE:** March 18, 2016

*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*