
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
NOVEMBER 27, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, further
3 providing for operation by persons under age sixteen and for
4 mufflers and sound controls.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Sections 7725(b.1) and 7743(a) of Title 75 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 7725. Operation by persons under age sixteen.

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11 (b.1) ATV size restrictions.--No person shall operate an ATV
12 bearing a certification label conforming to ANSI/SVIA 1 - 2010,
13 or its successor standard, in violation of the age
14 recommendation warning label affixed by the manufacturer. An ATV
15 not bearing a certification label conforming to ANSI/SVIA 1 -
16 2010, or its successor standard, operated in this Commonwealth
17 by a person eight or nine years of age shall have an engine size
18 of 70cc or less.

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2 § 7743. Mufflers and sound control.

3 (a) General rule.--It is unlawful to operate a snowmobile or
4 an ATV which is not equipped at all times with a muffler in good
5 working order which blends the exhaust sound into the overall
6 snowmobile or ATV sound and is in constant operation to prevent
7 excessive or unusual [noise] sound. The exhaust system shall not
8 emit or produce a sharp popping or crackling sound. The sound
9 intensity produced by a snowmobile shall not exceed 82dbA when
10 measured in accordance with SAE Recommended Practice J 192
11 Exterior Sound Level for Snowmobiles, as amended. The department
12 may by regulation adopt more stringent [noise] sound
13 requirements for snowmobiles. The department shall by regulation
14 adopt [noise] sound requirements for in-use operation of ATV's
15 using measurement procedures in accordance with [ANSI/SAE] SAE
16 Recommended Practice J 1287 July 1998, Measurement of Exhaust
17 Level of Stationary Motorcycles. The sound level intensity
18 produced by an ATV manufactured before January 1, 1998, shall
19 not exceed 99dbA, or decibels, when measured at 20 inches. The
20 sound level intensity produced by an ATV manufactured on or
21 after January 1, 1998, shall not exceed 96dbA, or decibels, when
22 measured at 20 inches.

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24 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.