

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5689**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending section 82120 (MCL 324.82120), as added by 1995 PA 58.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 82120. (1) A parent or legal guardian shall not permit  
2 his or her child, ~~who is~~ **if** less than 12 years of age, to operate a  
3 snowmobile without the direct supervision of an adult except on  
4 land owned or under the control of the parent or legal guardian.

5           (2) A person who is at least 12 but less than 17 years of age  
6 may operate a snowmobile if 1 of the following conditions exist:

7           (a) The person is under the direct supervision of a person who  
8 is 21 years of age or older.

9           (b) The person has in his or her immediate possession a



1 snowmobile safety certificate issued pursuant to a **snowmobile**  
2 **safety education and training** program conducted under section  
3 82107.

4 (c) The person is on land owned or under the control of his or  
5 her parent or legal guardian.

6 (d) The person possesses a snowmobile safety certificate  
7 issued to the person under the authority of a law of another state  
8 or **a** province of Canada.

9 (3) A person who is operating a snowmobile ~~pursuant to~~**under**  
10 subsection (2)(b) shall present the snowmobile safety certificate  
11 to any peace officer upon demand. **A person who violates this**  
12 **subsection is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be**  
13 **ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$150.00.**

14 (4) Notwithstanding section 82119, an operator who is less  
15 than 12 years of age shall not cross a highway or street. An  
16 operator who is at least 12 years of age but less than 17 years of  
17 age may cross a highway or street only if he or she has a valid  
18 snowmobile safety certificate in his or her immediate possession.

19 (5) The owner of a snowmobile shall not permit the snowmobile  
20 to be operated contrary to this section.

21 (6) ~~When~~**If** the judge of a juvenile court determines that a  
22 person who is less than 17 years of age has violated this part, the  
23 judge shall immediately report the determination to the department.  
24 The department upon receiving a notice of a determination pursuant  
25 to this subsection may suspend the **person's** snowmobile safety  
26 certificate, **if any**, without a hearing.