

ORV HELMET LIMITS

House Bill 4124

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Committee: Transportation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4124 AS INTRODUCED 1-28-97

House Bill 4124 would amend the Off-Road Recreation Vehicles (ORV) chapter of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to eliminate the requirement that operators of ORVs wear crash helmets and protective eyewear under certain conditions. Under the bill, the safety requirement would not apply when the vehicle was operated on private property by the owner-operator, a member of the owner's family, or another person who had the permission of the owner.

Under current law, ORV operators are subject to 21 health, safety, and privacy conditions, specified in section 81133 of the statute. Among those conditions are vehicle and operator safety provisions that ensure reasonable speed; a crash helmet and protective eyewear; a headlight and taillight; a braking system; a spark arrester muffler; and, limited transport of alcohol, bows, or firearms. Other provisions limit where ORVs may travel so as not to interfere with hunters, residential neighborhoods, private property owners, cemeteries or burial grounds, airports, wetlands, and operating railbeds.

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