

Legislative Analysis



ALLOW ORV ORDINANCES IN MORE COUNTIES

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House Bill 4507

Sponsor: Rep. John Espinoza

Committee: Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4507 AS INTRODUCED 3-4-09

House Bill 4507 would allow certain special ordinances for off-road recreation vehicles (ORVs) in four additional counties: Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac, and St. Clair. Currently such ordinances can be enacted in 43 northern counties.

Public Act 240 of 2008 amended Part 811 (Off-Road Recreation Vehicles) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow eligible counties (and local governmental units within eligible counties) to pass ORV ordinances ***allowing off-road recreation vehicles (ORVs) to be driven on the far right of the maintained portion of streets and roads within the jurisdiction.***

Public Act 240 applied to the counties of Mason, Lake, Osceola, Clare, Gladwin, Arenac, and Bay, and any county lying to the north of those counties (including all of the Upper Peninsula).

[In other words, Public Act 240 allowed ORV ordinances to be adopted within the following 43 counties: Alcona, Alger, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Baraga, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Clare, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Emmet, Gladwin, Gogebic, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Iosco, Iron, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Lake, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Marquette, Mason, Menominee, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Schoolcraft, and Wexford.]

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the State or on local governmental units.

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