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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

March 18, 2008

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; modifying requirements for youth operation
1.3 of all-terrain vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84.9256,
1.4 subdivision 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84.9256, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Prohibitions on youthful operators.** (a) Except for operation on
1.8 public road rights-of-way that is permitted under section 84.928, a driver's license issued
1.9 by the state or another state is required to operate an all-terrain vehicle along or on a
1.10 public road right-of-way.

1.11 (b) A person under 12 years of age shall not:

1.12 (1) make a direct crossing of a public road right-of-way;

1.13 (2) operate an all-terrain vehicle on a public road right-of-way in the state; or

1.14 (3) operate an all-terrain vehicle on public lands or waters, except as provided in
1.15 paragraph (f).

1.16 (c) Except for public road rights-of-way of interstate highways, a person 12 years
1.17 of age but less than 16 years may make a direct crossing of a public road right-of-way
1.18 of a trunk, county state-aid, or county highway or operate on public lands and waters or
1.19 state or grant-in-aid trails, only if that person possesses a valid all-terrain vehicle safety
1.20 certificate issued by the commissioner and is accompanied on another all-terrain vehicle
1.21 by a person 18 years of age or older who holds a valid driver's license.

1.22 (d) To be issued an all-terrain vehicle safety certificate, a person at least 12 years
1.23 old, but less than 16 years old, must:

2.1 (1) successfully complete the safety education and training program under section
2.2 84.925, subdivision 1, including a riding component; and

2.3 (2) be able to properly reach and control the handle bars and reach the foot pegs
2.4 while sitting upright on the seat of the all-terrain vehicle.

2.5 (e) A person at least 11 years of age may take the safety education and training
2.6 program and may receive an all-terrain vehicle safety certificate under paragraph (d), but
2.7 the certificate is not valid until the person reaches age 12.

2.8 (f) A person at least ten years of age but under 12 years of age may operate an
2.9 all-terrain vehicle with an engine capacity up to 90cc on public lands or waters if
2.10 accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

2.11 (g) A person under 15 years of age shall not operate a class 2 all-terrain vehicle.

2.12 (h) A person under the age of 16 may not operate an all-terrain vehicle on public
2.13 lands or waters or on state or grant-in-aid trails if the person cannot properly reach and
2.14 control the handle bars and reach the foot pegs while sitting upright on the seat of the
2.15 all-terrain vehicle.