
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SAFETY OF MINORS ON ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "SA-1 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

5 "All-terrain vehicle" means a motor vehicle which is all of
6 the following:

7 (1) Designed for operation off of the highway by an
8 operator with no more than one passenger;

9 (2) Fifty inches or less in width;

10 (3) Nine hundred pounds or less unladen weight;

11 (4) Suspended on three or more tires;

12 (5) Has a single seat designed to be straddled by the
13 operator, or a single seat designed to be straddled by

14 the operator and a seat for nor more than one

15 passenger; and

16 (6) Has handlebars for steering control.

17 "Minor" means a person under the age of eighteen.



1 "Wear a safety helmet" means having a safety helmet meeting
2 the requirements of §A-3 on the person's head that is fastened
3 with helmet straps and that is of a size that fits the person's
4 head securely without excessive lateral or vertical movement.

5 §A-2 Prohibition; operation without a safety helmet. (a)

6 No minor shall operate, ride, or be otherwise propelled on
7 an all-terrain vehicle unless the person wears a safety helmet.

8 (b) No person shall lease, rent, loan, or sell an all-
9 terrain vehicle to a minor unless the person furnishes a safety
10 helmet for the operator.

11 §A-3 Safety helmets; rules. The director shall adopt
12 rules, subject to the requirements of chapter 91, establishing
13 specifications and standards for safety helmets offered for
14 sale, or sold, for use by drivers, operators, and passengers of
15 all-terrain vehicles, as the director determines are necessary
16 for the safety of those drivers, operators, and passengers."

17 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:
Safety helmets

Description:
Mandates use of safety helmets by minors when riding all terrain vehicles. Prohibits the lease, rent, loan, or sale of all terrain vehicles to minors unless safety helmet is provided to operator.

