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HB 2364 HD1 RELATING TO THE SAFETY OF MINORS ON ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports HB2364 HD1, which mandates the use of
2 safety helmets by minors when riding all terrain vehicles (ATVs). However, we recommend that the use
3 of helmets be required for all ATV riders as good public policy in enhancing the safety for both minors
4 and adults.

5 **Fiscal Implications:** None

6 **Purpose and Justification:** Helmets are the most effective means of preventing head injuries, the
7 leading cause of death and disability in ATV crashes. Head injuries can produce effects that are
8 extremely costly, disabling and long-lasting.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.