
SENATE BILL 6294

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By Senator Benton

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the use of four-wheel, all-terrain
2 vehicles on highways under certain conditions; adding a new section to
3 chapter 46.61 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a person
8 may operate a four-wheel, all-terrain vehicle upon a highway of this
9 state having a speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour or less if:

10 (a) The person does not operate a four-wheel, all-terrain vehicle
11 upon state highways that are listed in chapter 47.17 RCW;

12 (b) The person does not operate a four-wheel, all-terrain vehicle
13 upon a highway of this state without first having obtained and having
14 in full force and effect a current and proper vehicle license and
15 display vehicle license number plates in compliance with chapter 46.16
16 RCW;

17 (c) The person does not operate a four-wheel, all-terrain vehicle
18 upon a highway of this state without first obtaining a valid driver's

1 license issued to Washington residents in compliance with chapter 46.20
2 RCW;

3 (d) The person does not operate a four-wheel, all-terrain vehicle
4 subject to registration under chapter 46.16 RCW on a highway of this
5 state unless the person is insured under a motor vehicle liability
6 policy in compliance with chapter 46.30 RCW; and

7 (e) The person operating a four-wheel, all-terrain vehicle does not
8 cross a roadway with a speed limit in excess of thirty-five miles per
9 hour, unless the crossing begins and ends on a roadway with a speed
10 limit of thirty-five miles per hour or less and occurs at an
11 intersection of approximately ninety degrees, except that the operator
12 of a four-wheel, all-terrain vehicle must not cross an uncontrolled
13 intersection of streets and highways that are part of the state highway
14 system subject to Title 47 RCW unless that intersection has been
15 authorized by local authorities under subsection (4) of this section.

16 (2) Any four-wheel, all-terrain vehicle operated under this section
17 must have a headlight, taillight, and brake light, and a mirror both on
18 the left and right handlebar.

19 (3) Any person who violates this section commits a traffic
20 infraction.

21 (4) This section does not prevent local authorities, with respect
22 to streets and highways under their jurisdiction and within the
23 reasonable exercise of their police power, from regulating the
24 operation of four-wheel, all-terrain vehicles on streets and highways
25 under their jurisdiction by resolution or ordinance of the governing
26 body, if the regulation is consistent with this title, except that:

27 (a) Local authorities may not authorize the operation of four-
28 wheel, all-terrain vehicles on streets and highways that are part of
29 the state highway system subject to Title 47 RCW; and

30 (b) Local authorities may not establish requirements for the
31 registration and licensing of four-wheel, all-terrain vehicles.

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