



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FINAL AMENDED
FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2551

~~financial institution records; disclosure; notice~~
(NOW: off-highway vehicles; use; authority; enforcement)

Purpose

Modifies Off-Highway Vehicle regulation and motorized cross-county travel enforcement.

Background

The Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program was created by the Legislature in 1991 to manage OHV use in Arizona. The Travel Management Rule on National Forest System Lands, as established by federal law, requires each national forest or ranger district to designate roads, trails and areas open to motor vehicles. Designations must be made by the class of vehicle and, if appropriate, by time of year. The final rule, which went into affect on December 9, 2005, prohibits the use of motor vehicles off the designated system, as well as the use of motor vehicles on routes or areas not consistent with the designations (36 CFR 212, Subpart B).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Provides permissive authority for peace officers of this state, county or municipality and other duly authorized state employees (officers) to enforce rules and regulations relating to motorized cross-county travel.
2. Requires officers to enforce OHV regulations only on land that is either of the following:
 - a) solely under the jurisdiction of this state, county or municipality; or
 - b) open as indicated by federal law.
3. Makes technical and conforming changes.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee

- Adopted the strike everything amendment.

Amendments Adopted by Committee of the Whole

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2. Requires officers to enforce OHV regulations *only* on land that is solely under the jurisdiction of this state, county or municipality.

Amendments Adopted by Conference Committee

1. Requires peace officers to enforce OHV regulations on land that is open as indicated by federal law.
2. Makes technical changes to correct an error in S.B. 1223 as it relates to the rule making authority exemption for the Arizona Game and Fish Commission; contains a conditional enactment clause.
3. Removes proposed language relating to OHV operation restrictions.

Senate Action

House Action

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3 rd Read	4/22/13		17-11-2-0			
Final Read	5/21/13		19-10-1-0			

Signed by the Governor 6/19/13
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