

Subject Civil Penalties – Snowmobiles and OHVs

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Overview

This bill would allow conservation officers and other licensed peace officers to issue civil penalties for violations of certain snowmobile provisions and establish specific civil citation authority for violations of the state's trespass law committed by those operating a snowmobile or off-highway vehicle (OHV). The bill would also increase civil penalty amounts.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Civil citation; authority to issue.
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Provides conservation officers and other licensed peace officers authority to issue a civil citation to someone who violates certain snowmobile provisions similar to what is allowed under current law for violations involving an OHV (off-highway motorcycle (OHM), off-road vehicle (ORV), or all-terrain vehicle (ATV)). Establishes specific civil citation authority for violations of the state's trespass law by those operating an OHV or snowmobile. Civil penalties from citations under this section are deposited in dedicated accounts depending on what type of vehicle was used when committing the violation.

Sets the civil penalties for violations of the existing OHV provisions and the new snowmobile and trespass provisions at: \$250 for first offenses (was \$100); \$500 for second offenses (was \$200); and \$1,000 for third and subsequent offenses (was \$500).

2	Allocating penalty amounts.
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Requires civil penalties for the citations established in the previous section that involve snowmobiles to be deposited in the snowmobile trails and enforcement account and requires the penalties to be used for enforcing snowmobile laws.



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