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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill would modify the definition of snowmobile and prohibit tampering with odometers on snowmobiles (a similar ban currently applies to motor vehicle odometers).

#### Section

- 1** **Snowmobile.** Amends § 84.81, subd. 3. Modifies the definition of snowmobile for purposes of snowmobile registration and other Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) provisions to exclude all-terrain and other vehicles equipped with aftermarket ski and track configurations.
- 2** **Snowmobile.** Adds § 325E.13, subd. 5. Provides a definition of "snowmobile" for purposes of the odometer tampering prohibitions that is the same as the definition used by the DNR (modified above).
- 3** **Tampering.** Amends § 325E.14, subd. 1. Prohibits a person from tampering with the odometer of a snowmobile in order to reflect lower mileage than what has actually been driven.
- 4** **Operating restriction.** Amends § 325E.14, subd. 2. Prohibits a person, with the intent to defraud, from knowingly operating a snowmobile with a disconnected odometer.
- 5** **Sales and use restrictions.** Amends § 325E.14, subd. 3. Prohibits a person from selling or installing any device on a snowmobile that causes the odometer to register any mileage other than the true mileage.

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- 6**      **Sales restriction.** Amends § 325E.14, subd. 4. Prohibits a person from knowingly selling a snowmobile that has mileage registered on the odometer that reflects lower mileage than what has actually been driven without disclosing the fact to prospective purchasers.
- 7**      **Repair or replacement restriction.** Amends § 325E.14, subd. 6. States that nothing in the section prohibits a person from servicing, repairing, or replacing an odometer.
- 8**      **Transfer of motor vehicle or snowmobile mileage disclosure.** Amends § 325E.15. Prohibits a person from transferring the ownership of a snowmobile without disclosing, in writing, to the transferee the true mileage on the odometer or that the actual mileage is unknown.