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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill contains a number of provisions related to all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), including the establishment of a voluntary contribution opportunity for the ATV grant-in-aid trails program and a no registration weekend, and modifications to operating provisions.

#### Section

- 1 Grant-in-aid trail contributions.** Adds § 84.922, subd. 13. Requires that a person registering an ATV be offered the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to the ATV grant-in-aid trails program. Requires the commissioner of natural resources to issue someone a recognition sticker if they contribute \$20 or more. Requires contributions made to be credited to the ATV account and dedicated for the grant-in-aid trail program.
- 2 No registration weekend.** Adds § 84.922, subd. 14. Requires the commissioner to designate one weekend each year when unregistered ATVs and nonresident ATVs without a state trail pass may be operated on state and grant-in-aid ATV trails.
- 3 Prohibitions on youthful operators.** Amends § 84.9256, subd. 1. Increases the eligible age to receive an ATV safety certificate to 18 (from 16). Exempts those 12 to 15 from requirements to have a driver's license in order to operate an ATV on the bank, slope, or ditch of a public road right-of-way if they have a valid ATV safety certificate and are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian on a separate ATV.

**Section**

- 4**      **Operation on roads and right-of-ways.** Amends § 84.928, subd. 1. Provides an exemption from ATV restrictions to allow a person to operate an ATV within the public road right-of-way of a trunk highway on the extreme right-hand side in order to access a business or make a trail connection and allows left hand turns from any part of the road if it safe. Allows a road authority or the commissioner (under certain circumstances) to restrict this activity using existing authorities.