



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

Bill # HB0391

Title: Generally revise snowmobile laws

Primary Sponsor: Moore, David (Doc)

Status: As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$6,600	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue			... unable to determine ...	
Revenue:				
General Fund			... unable to determine ...	
State Special Revenue			... unable to determine ...	
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$6,600)</u>		...unable to determine	

Description of fiscal impact: This bill adds a new classification of vehicle to be registered in the State of Montana. As a result, programming changes will need to be made to the Montana Enhanced Registration and Licensing Information Network (MERLIN). A fiscal impact cannot be determined because there is no reliable estimate of the number of tracked OHVs operating in Montana.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

1. The majority of groomed snowmobile trail use is by snowmobiles manufactured specifically for that purpose.
2. Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use in the United States and Montana is growing rapidly.
3. Tracked OHVs are typically sold as a traditional wheeled OHV and then converted to a tracked vehicle through the separate purchase of a conversion kit.

4. Conversion kits are an emerging market, but numbers are not tracked through any agency or single source.
5. A fiscal impact cannot be estimated because there is no reliable estimate of the number of tracked OHVs operating in Montana.

Department of Justice

6. This bill will create a new vehicle classification of tracked off-highway vehicle. The new classification will require code and configuration entries to handle decal assignment and fee processing in the MERLIN system.
7. The department estimates 60 programming hours will be necessary to complete changes cited in this bill at an hourly rate of \$110 per hour for a total of \$6,600 in FY 2016.
8. Individuals owning tracked off-highway vehicles would need to re-register these vehicles based on the provisions in HB 391. It is unclear how many of these individuals would be aware of the law change and how many would actually re-register their vehicles.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$6,600	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	<u><u>\$6,600</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)			... unable to determine ...	
State Special Revenue (02)			... unable to determine ...	
TOTAL Funding of Exp.			<u><u>... unable to determine ...</u></u>	
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)			... unable to determine ...	
State Special Revenue (02)			... unable to determine ...	
TOTAL Revenues			<u><u>... unable to determine ...</u></u>	
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$6,600)		... unable to determine ...	
State Special Revenue (02)			... unable to determine ...	

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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