



SENATE BILL 445: Regulatory Reform Act of 2026, Sec. 10: ATV Rider Restriction Modification

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Current law prohibits any parent or legal guardian of a person less than 16 years of age from knowingly permitting that person to operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) in violation of the Age Restriction Warning Label affixed by the manufacturer as required by the applicable American National Standards Institute/Specialty Vehicle Institute of America design standard.

Section 10 of S.L. 2026-59 (Senate Bill 445) creates an exception to this prohibition if the person under 16 years of age meets certain rider fit requirements, as determined by a certified ATV safety course instructor, and the person operating the ATV is under the direct supervision of the instructor while participating in the course or an adult after completing the course, and complies with all other applicable requirements, including helmet and eye protection requirements.

This section became effective August 11, 2026.

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