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1	Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 720 as follows:
2	Page 1, line 18, delete the second "subdivision" and insert
3	"subdivisions 1,"
4	Page 2, line 14, before "A" insert "Except as provided in
5	paragraph (c);"
6	Page 2, after line 22, insert:
7	"(c) The restrictions in paragraph (b) do not apply to an
8	off-highway vehicle while competing in a closed-course
9	competition event."
10	Page 2, line 31, after " <u>or</u> " insert " <u>beginning August 1,</u>
11	<u>2008,</u> "
12	Page 2, line 33, delete " <u>95</u> " and insert " <u>96</u> "
13	Page 3, line 23, delete " <u>a section listed in paragraph (a)</u> "
14	and insert "section 84.773; 84.777; 84.90; or 97B.001, while
15	using an off-highway vehicle,"
16	Page 3, line 24, after " <u>one</u> " insert " <u>previous</u> "
17	Page 3, line 28, before " <u>and</u> " insert " <u>, while using an</u>
18	off-highway vehicle,"
19	Page 4, line 12, before the period, insert ", or section
20	97A.315, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), while using an
21	off-highway vehicle"
22	Page 14, line 28, reinstate the stricken language and
23	delete the new language
24	Page 15, line 10, before the semicolon, insert " <u>that was</u>
25	not authorized by the applicant and the applicant took
26	reasonable actions to prevent the unpermitted or unauthorized
27	use"
28	Page 15, line 13, before the semicolon, insert " <u>, and the</u>
29	damage was not caused by the applicant or the applicant's
30	immediate family"
31	Page 21, after line 12, insert:
32	"Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 84.928,
33	subdivision 1, is amended to read:
34	Subdivision 1. [OPERATION ON ROADS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.] (a)
35	Unless otherwise allowed in sections 84.92 to 84.929, a person
36	shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle in this state along or

on the roadway, shoulder, or inside bank or slope of a public
road right-of-way of a trunk, county state-aid, or county
highway other than in the ditch or the outside bank or slope of
a trunk, county state-aid, or county highway unless prohibited
under paragraph (b).

(b) A road authority as defined under section 160.02,
subdivision 25, may after a public hearing restrict the use of
all-terrain vehicles in the ditch or outside bank or slope of a
public road right-of-way under its jurisdiction.

10 (c) The restrictions in paragraphs (a) and (b) do not apply 11 to the operation of an all-terrain vehicle on the shoulder,

12 inside bank or slope, ditch, or outside bank or slope of a

13 trunk, county state-aid, or county highway when the all-terrain 14 vehicle is:

15 (1) owned by or operated under contract with a publicly or 16 privately owned utility; and

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(2) used for work on utilities.

18 (d) The commissioner may limit the use of a right-of-way 19 for a period of time if the commissioner determines that use of 20 the right-of-way causes:

(1) degradation of vegetation on adjacent public property;
(2) siltation of waters of the state;

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(3) impairment or enhancement to the act of taking game; or

(4) a threat to safety of the right-of-way users or toindividuals on adjacent public property.

26 (d) (e) The commissioner must notify the road authority as
27 soon as it is known that a closure will be ordered. The notice
28 must state the reasons and duration of the closure.

(e) (f) A person may operate an all-terrain vehicle
registered for private use and used for agricultural purposes on
a public road right-of-way of a trunk, county state-aid, or
county highway in this state if the all-terrain vehicle is
operated on the extreme right-hand side of the road, and left
turns may be made from any part of the road if it is safe to do
so under the prevailing conditions.

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(f) (g) A person shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle

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within the public road right-of-way of a trunk, county 1 state-aid, or county highway from April 1 to August 1 in the 2 3 agricultural zone unless the vehicle is being used exclusively as transportation to and from work on agricultural lands. 4 This paragraph does not apply to an agent or employee of a road 5 6 authority, as defined in section 160.02, subdivision 25, or the Department of Natural Resources when performing or exercising 7 official duties or powers. 8

(g) (h) A person shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle 9 within the public road right-of-way of a trunk, county 10 state-aid, or county highway between the hours of one-half hour 11 after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, except on the 12 right-hand side of the right-of-way and in the same direction as 13 the highway traffic on the nearest lane of the adjacent roadway. 14 (h) (i) A person shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle 15 at any time within the right-of-way of an interstate highway or 16

17 freeway within this state."

Amend the title accordingly

18 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal 19 references

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My name is Sarah Carlson. I am a member of the MN 4 Wheel Drive Association, Blue Ribbon Coalition, and two recreational truck clubs- The Backwoods Crawlers, and Team M.U.D.D. I was unable to attend Monday evening's hearing, but was informed that the name of one of the clubs I belong to was the butt end of a joke. I would like to clarify the meaning of our club's name. Originally, when the club was founded in 1990, it stood for Men and their Unruly Dangerous Dames. As people and times have changed, the club has adopted a new acronym meaning, Motorists Utilizing Due Diligence. We operate solely on private property and public land such as Gilbert. Every year we participate in highway clean up programs, senior citizen events, and contribute the ptoceeds from all of our events to local charities such as food shelves, schools, fire departments, and senior centers.

I feel very strongly about having appropriate places to ride in our state forests, which is why I opposed SF720. It is very frustrating to continually contribute to a fund meant for activities such as land evaluation, trail planning and enforcement, only to gain nothing in return. By removing all legal places for trucks to ride does nothing to solve the problem of damage to our forests. The renegades who are currently breaking the law will continue to break the law unless they are dealt with accordingly. The members of the clubs that belong to the association, regardless of their name, are not breaking the laws. I believe they are only frustrated by the continued focus on the renegades that are not dealt with, as opposed to the many things we do as clubs for our local economy.

I am in the audience today. Please feel free to approach me after the hearing if you have any questions about my comments.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sarah Gartson

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Senators Marty, Ruud, Frederickson and Chaudhary introduced--

S.F. No. 720: Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

A bill for an act

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	<pre>relating to natural resources; modifying restrictions on the operation of off-highway vehicles; extending the availability of the off-highway vehicle damage account; providing for seizure and forfeiture of certain off-highway vehicles; requiring certain off-highway vehicle violations to be added to the driving record of the violator; modifying civil penalties; clarifying the requirement for off-road vehicle registration; modifying off-road vehicle account receipts and disposition; requiring plates on all-terrain vehicles; providing for revocation of registration; providing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 84.773, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 84.775, subdivision 1; 84.780; 84.797, subdivisions 6, 12; 84.798, subdivision 1; 84.802; 84.803; 84.804, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 84.922, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 84.796; 84.805; 84.929; 296A.18, subdivision 6.</pre>
24	Section 1. [84.772] [OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE TOLL-FREE
25	HOTLINE.]
26	The commissioner of natural resources shall maintain and
27	publicize a toll-free telephone number that allows citizens to:
28	(1) obtain tape-recorded information about trail
29	conditions;
30	(2) report complaints about or violations by operators of
31	off-highway vehicles; and
32	(3) report damage caused by all-terrain vehicles and trail
33	safety concerns.
34	Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 84.773,
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1	subdivision 1, is amended to read:
2	Subdivision 1. [RESTRICTIONS.] (a) A person may not
3	intentionally operate an off-highway vehicle:
4	(1) on a trail on public land that is designated or signed
5	for nonmotorized use only;
6	(2) on restricted areas within public lands that are posted
7	or where gates or other clearly visible structures are placed to
8	prevent unauthorized motorized vehicle access;
9	(3) except as specifically authorized by law or rule
10	adopted by the commissioner, in unfrozen public waters, as
11	defined in section 103G.005; in a state park; in a scientific
12	and natural area; or in a wildlife management area; or
13	(4) in a calcareous fen, as identified by the commissioner.
14	(b) A person may not operate an off-highway vehicle at a
15	speed greater than ten miles per hour:
16	(1) within 100 feet of a person who is not:
17	(i) on an off-highway vehicle, snowmobile, or motorcycle;
18	or
19	(ii) in a motor vehicle;
20	(2) within 100 feet of a fish house, dark house, or any
21	other structure while operating on a frozen public water; or
22	(3) within 150 feet of a home or residential dwelling.
23	Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 84.773, is
24	amended by adding a subdivision to read:
25	Subd. la. [MUFFLERS.] (a) No person shall operate an
26	off-highway vehicle unless it is equipped with a muffler having
27	a spark arrestor approved by the United States Forest Service as
28 ⁻	described under Code of Federal Regulations, title 36, section
29	261.52, paragraph (j).
30	(b) Off-highway vehicles shall not be sold, offered for
31	sale, or operated in this state unless equipped so that overall
32	noise emission does not exceed a sound level limitation of not
33	more than 95 decibels on the A scale from a distance of 20
34	inches using test procedures and instrumentation as set forth in
35	the Society of Automotive Engineers' Standard, SAE J1287, June
36	1988, or, if different procedures or instrumentation are used, a

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1	noise level equivalent to that level.
2	(c) No noise suppressing system or muffler shall be
3	equipped with a cutout, bypass, or similar device and no person
4	shall modify or alter that system or its operation in any manner
5	that will amplify or increase the noise emitted by the vehicle's
6	motor to exceed the noise limits established in this
7	subdivision, except for organized events as authorized by
8	sections 84.795, subdivision 7; 84.804, subdivision 5; and
9	84.928, subdivision 5.
10	Sec. 4. [84.774] [OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE CRIMINAL PENALTIES.]
11	(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a person who
12	violates a provision of sections 84.773; 84.777; 84.788 to
13	84.795; 84.798 to 84.804; 84.90; or 84.922 to 84.928 or rules of
14	the commissioner relating to off-highway vehicle use is guilty
15	of a misdemeanor.
16	(b) A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor if the person:
17	(1) knowingly disregards signs prohibiting the use of
18	off-highway vehicles and operates an off-highway vehicle in an
19	area where the use is prohibited;
20	(2) violates section 84.773 or 84.777 after personally
21	being notified by a peace officer not to operate in the area
22	prohibited;
23	(3) violates a section listed in paragraph (a) and has at
24	least one conviction for a violation under those sections in the
25	last three years;
26	(4) violates a section listed in paragraph (a) resulting in
27	the endangerment of another person; or
28	(5) violates section 84.773; 84.777; 84.90; or 97B.001 and
29	the violation results in property damage in excess of 400 square
30	feet or with a cost of repair in excess of \$500.
31	(c) A person convicted of a gross misdemeanor under
32	paragraph (b) is prohibited from operating an off-highway
33	vehicle for a period of two years. The commissioner shall
34	notify the person of the time period during which the person is
35	prohibited from operating an off-highway vehicle.
36	[EFFECTIVE DATE.] This section is effective August 1, 2005,

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[REVISOR] CKM/DI 05-1981 01/31/05 and applies to crimes committed on or after that date. 1 2 Sec. 5. [84.7741] [OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE FORFEITURE.] 3 Subdivision 1. [DEFINITIONS.] (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings given them. 4 5 (b) "Appropriate agency" means a law enforcement agency that has the authority to make an arrest for a violation of a 6 7 designated offense. (c) "Claimant" means an owner of an off-highway vehicle or 8 9 a person claiming a leasehold or security interest in an 10 off-highway vehicle. (d) "Designated offense" means a gross misdemeanor 11 12 violation under section 84.774, paragraph (b). 13 (e) "Family or household member" means: 14 (1) a parent, stepparent, or guardian; 15 (2) any of the following persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption: brother, sister, stepbrother, 16 17 stepsister, first cousin, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, 18 grandparent, great-grandparent, great-uncle, or great-aunt; or 19 (3) persons residing together or persons who regularly 20 associate and communicate with one another outside of a 21 workplace setting. (f) "Off-highway vehicle" and "vehicle" do not include an 22 23 off-highway vehicle that is stolen or taken in violation of the 24 law. 25 (g) "Owner" means a person legally entitled to possession, 26 use, and control of an off-highway vehicle, including a lessee 27 of an off-highway vehicle if the lease agreement has a term of 28 180 days or more. There is a rebuttable presumption that a person registered as the owner of an off-highway vehicle 29 30 according to the records of the Department of Public Safety or 31 the Department of Natural Resources is the legal owner. For purposes of this section, if an off-highway vehicle is owned 32 jointly by two or more people, each owner's interest extends to 33 the whole of the vehicle and is not subject to apportionment. 34 (h) "Prosecuting authority" means the attorney in the 35 36 jurisdiction in which the designated offense occurred, or a

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1	designee, who is responsible for prosecuting violations of a
2	designated offense. If a state agency initiated the forfeiture,
3	and the attorney responsible for prosecuting the designated
4	offense declines to pursue forfeiture, the attorney general's
5	office, or its designee, may initiate forfeiture under this
6	section.
7	(i) "Security interest" means a bona fide security interest
8	perfected according to section 168A.17, subdivision 2, based on
9.	a loan or other financing that, if an off-highway vehicle is
10	required to be registered under chapter 168, is listed on the
11	vehicle's title.
12	Subd. 2. [SEIZURE.] (a) An off-highway vehicle subject to
13	forfeiture under this section may be seized by the appropriate
14	agency upon process issued by any court having jurisdiction over
15	the vehicle.
16	(b) Property may be seized without process if:
17	(1) the seizure is incident to a lawful arrest or a lawful
18	search;
19	(2) the vehicle subject to seizure has been the subject of
20	a prior judgment in favor of the state in a criminal injunction
21	or forfeiture proceeding under this section; or
22	(3) the appropriate agency has probable cause to believe
23	that the delay occasioned by the necessity to obtain process
24	would result in the removal or destruction of the vehicle. If
25	property is seized without process under this clause, the
26	prosecuting authority must institute a forfeiture action under
27	this section as soon as is reasonably possible by serving a
28	notice of seizure and intent to forfeit at the address of the
29	owner as listed in the records of the Department of Public
30	Safety or Department of Natural Resources.
31	Subd. 3. [RIGHT TO POSSESSION VESTS IMMEDIATELY; CUSTODY.]
32	All right, title, and interest in an off-highway vehicle subject
33	to forfeiture under this section vests in the appropriate agency
34	upon commission of the conduct resulting in the designated
35	offense giving rise to the forfeiture. Any vehicle seized under
36	this section is not subject to replevin, but is deemed to be in

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the custody of the appropriate agency subject to the orders and 1 decrees of the court having jurisdiction over the forfeiture 2 proceedings. When an off-highway vehicle is seized under this 3 section, the appropriate agency may: 4 5 (1) place the vehicle under seal; (2) remove the vehicle to a place designated by the agency; 6 7 (3) place a disabling device on the vehicle; and (4) take other steps reasonable and necessary to secure the 8 9 vehicle and prevent waste. 10 Subd. 4. [BOND BY OWNER FOR POSSESSION.] If the owner of an off-highway vehicle that has been seized under this section 11 12 seeks possession of the vehicle before the forfeiture action is determined, the owner may, subject to the approval of the 13 14 appropriate agency, give security or post bond payable to the appropriate agency in an amount equal to the retail value of the 15 seized vehicle. On posting the security or bond, the seized 16 vehicle may be returned to the owner. The forfeiture action 17 must proceed against the security as if it were the seized 18 19 vehicle. 20 Subd. 5. [EVIDENCE.] Certified copies of court records and 21 off-highway vehicle and driver's records concerning prior 22 incidents are admissible as substantive evidence where necessary 23 to prove the commission of a designated offense. 24 Subd. 6. [VEHICLE SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.] An off-highway 25 vehicle is subject to forfeiture under this section if it was used in the commission of a designated offense. 26 27 Subd. 7. [PRESUMPTIONS; LIMITATIONS ON VEHICLE 28 FORFEITURE.] (a) An off-highway vehicle is presumed subject to forfeiture under this section if: 29 30 (1) the driver is convicted of the designated offense upon 31 which the forfeiture is based; or (2) the driver fails to appear for a scheduled court 32 appearance with respect to the designated offense charged and 33 fails to voluntarily surrender within 48 hours after the time 34 35 required for appearance. 36 (b) An off-highway vehicle encumbered by a security

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interest perfected according to section 168A.17, subdivision 2, 1 or subject to a lease that has a term of 180 days or more, is 2 subject to the interest of the secured party or lessor unless 3 the party or lessor had knowledge of or consented to the act 4 upon which the forfeiture is based. However, when the proceeds 5 of the sale of a seized vehicle do not equal or exceed the 6 outstanding loan balance, the appropriate agency shall remit all 7 proceeds of the sale to the secured party after deducting the 8 9 agency's costs for the seizure, tow, storage, forfeiture, and sale of the vehicle. If the sale of the vehicle is conducted in 10 11 a commercially reasonable manner consistent with section 12 336.9-610, the agency is not liable to the secured party for any amount owed on the loan in excess of the sale proceeds. The 13 14 validity and amount of a nonperfected security interest must be established by its holder by clear and convincing evidence. 15 16 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), the secured party's or 17 lessor's interest in an off-highway vehicle is not subject to 18 forfeiture based solely on the secured party's or lessor's 19 knowledge of the act or omission upon which the forfeiture is 20 based if the secured party or lessor demonstrates by clear and 21 convincing evidence that the party or lessor took reasonable steps to terminate use of the vehicle by the offender. 22 23 (d) An off-highway vehicle is not subject to forfeiture 24 under this section if its owner can demonstrate by clear and 25 convincing evidence that the owner did not have actual or 26 constructive knowledge that the vehicle would be used or operated in any manner contrary to law or that the owner took 27 28 reasonable steps to prevent use of the vehicle by the offender. 29 If the offender is a family or household member of the owner and has three or more prior off-highway vehicle convictions, the 30 31 owner is presumed to know of any vehicle use by the offender 32 that is contrary to law. Subd. 8. [ADMINISTRATIVE FORFEITURE PROCEDURE.] (a) An 33 34 off-highway vehicle used to commit a designated offense is subject to administrative forfeiture under this subdivision. 35 36 (b) When an off-highway vehicle is seized under subdivision

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1	2, or within a reasonable time after seizure, the appropriate
2	agency shall serve the driver or operator of the vehicle with a
3	notice of the seizure and intent to forfeit the vehicle.
4	Additionally, when an off-highway vehicle is seized under
5	subdivision 2, or within a reasonable time after that, all
6	persons known to have an ownership, possessory, or security
7	interest in the vehicle must be notified of the seizure and the
8	intent to forfeit the vehicle. For those vehicles required to
9	be registered under chapter 168, the notification to a person
10	known to have a security interest in the vehicle is required
11	only if the vehicle is registered under chapter 168 and the
12	interest is listed on the vehicle's title. Notice mailed by
13	certified mail to the address shown in Department of Public
14	Safety records is sufficient notice to the registered owner of
15	the vehicle. For off-highway vehicles not required to be
16	registered under chapter 168, notice mailed by certified mail to
17	the address shown in the applicable filing or registration for
18	the vehicle is sufficient notice to a person known to have an
19	ownership, possessory, or security interest in the vehicle.
20	Otherwise, notice may be given in the manner provided by law for
21	service of a summons in a civil action.
22	(c) The notice must be in writing and contain:
23	(1) a description of the vehicle seized;
24	(2) the date of the seizure; and
25	(3) notice of the right to obtain judicial review of the
26	forfeiture and of the procedure for obtaining that judicial
27	review, printed in English, Hmong, and Spanish. Substantially,
28	the following language must appear conspicuously: "IF YOU DO
29	NOT DEMAND JUDICIAL REVIEW EXACTLY AS PRESCRIBED IN MINNESOTA
30	STATUTES, SECTION 84.7741, SUBDIVISION 8, YOU LOSE THE RIGHT TO
31	A JUDICIAL DETERMINATION OF THIS FORFEITURE AND YOU LOSE ANY
32	RIGHT YOU MAY HAVE TO THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY. YOU MAY NOT
33	HAVE TO PAY THE FILING FEE FOR THE DEMAND IF DETERMINED YOU ARE
34	UNABLE TO AFFORD THE FEE. IF THE PROPERTY IS WORTH \$7,500 OR
35	LESS, YOU MAY FILE YOUR CLAIM IN CONCILIATION COURT. YOU DO NOT
36	HAVE TO PAY THE CONCILIATION COURT FILING FEE IF THE PROPERTY IS

1	WORTH LESS THAN \$500."
2	(d) Within 30 days following service of a notice of seizure
3	and forfeiture under this subdivision, a claimant may file a
4	demand for a judicial determination of the forfeiture. The
5	demand must be in the form of a civil complaint and must be
6	filed with the court administrator in the county in which the
7	seizure occurred, together with proof of service of a copy of
8	the complaint on the prosecuting authority having jurisdiction
9	over the forfeiture and the standard filing fee for civil
10	actions unless the petitioner has the right to sue in forma
11	pauperis under section 563.01. If the value of the seized
12	property is \$7,500 or less, the claimant may file an action in
13	conciliation court for recovery of the seized vehicle. A copy
14	of the conciliation court statement of claim must be served
15	personally or by mail on the prosecuting authority having
16	jurisdiction over the forfeiture within 30 days following
17	service of the notice of seizure and forfeiture under this
18	subdivision. If the value of the seized property is less than
19	\$500, the claimant does not have to pay the conciliation court
20	filing fee. No responsive pleading is required of the
21	prosecuting authority and no court fees may be charged for the
22	prosecuting authority's appearance in the matter. Pleadings,
23	filings, and methods of service are governed by the Rules of
24	<u>Civil Procedure.</u>
25	(e) The complaint must be captioned in the name of the
26	claimant as plaintiff and the seized vehicle as defendant and
27	must state with specificity the grounds on which the claimant
28	alleges the vehicle was improperly seized, the claimant's
29	interest in the vehicle seized, and any affirmative defenses the
30	claimant may have. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, an
31	action for the return of an off-highway vehicle seized under
32	this section may not be maintained by or on behalf of any person
33	who has been served with a notice of seizure and forfeiture
34	unless the person has complied with this subdivision.
35	(f) If the claimant makes a timely demand for a judicial
36	determination under this subdivision, the forfeiture proceedings

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must be conducted according to subdivision 9. 1 Subd. 9. [JUDICIAL FORFEITURE PROCEDURE.] (a) This 2 subdivision governs judicial determinations of the forfeiture of 3 an off-highway vehicle used to commit a designated offense. An 4 5 action for forfeiture is a civil in rem action and is independent of any criminal prosecution. All proceedings are 6 governed by the Rules of Civil Procedure. 7 (b) If no demand for judicial determination of the 8 forfeiture is pending, the prosecuting authority may, in the 9 10 name of the jurisdiction pursuing the forfeiture, file a separate complaint against the vehicle, describing it, 11 specifying that it was used in the commission of a designated 12 offense, and specifying the time and place of its unlawful use. 13 (c) The prosecuting authority may file an answer to a 14 properly served demand for judicial determination, including an 15 affirmative counterclaim for forfeiture. The prosecuting 16 17 authority is not required to file an answer. 18 (d) A judicial determination under this subdivision must 19 not precede adjudication in the criminal prosecution of the designated offense without the consent of the prosecuting 20 21 authority. The district court administrator shall schedule the 22 hearing as soon as practicable after adjudication in the 23 criminal prosecution. The district court administrator shall 24 establish procedures to ensure efficient compliance with this 25 subdivision. The hearing is to the court without a jury. 26 (e) There is a presumption that an off-highway vehicle 27 seized under this section is subject to forfeiture if the 28 prosecuting authority establishes that the vehicle was used in the commission of a designated offense. A claimant bears the 29 30 burden of proving any affirmative defense raised. (f) If the forfeiture is based on the commission of a 31 32 designated offense and the person charged with the designated offense appears in court as required and is not convicted of the 33 34 offense, the court shall order the property returned to the 35 person legally entitled to it upon that person's compliance with 36 the redemption requirements of subdivision 12.

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1	(g) If the lawful ownership of the vehicle used in the
2	commission of a designated offense can be determined and the
3	owner makes the demonstration required under subdivision 7,
4	paragraph (d), the vehicle must be returned immediately upon the
5	owner's compliance with the redemption requirements of
6	subdivision 12.
7	(h) If the court orders the return of a seized vehicle
8	under this subdivision, it must order that filing fees be
9	reimbursed to the person who filed the demand for judicial
10	determination. In addition, the court may order sanctions under
11	section 549.211. Any reimbursement fees or sanctions must be
12	paid from other forfeiture proceeds of the law enforcement
13	agency and prosecuting authority involved and in the same
14	proportion as distributed under subdivision 10, paragraph (b).
15	Subd. 10. [DISPOSITION OF FORFEITED VEHICLE.] (a) If the
16	vehicle is administratively forfeited under subdivision 8, or if
17	the court finds under subdivision 9 that the vehicle is subject
18	to forfeiture under subdivisions 6 and 7, the appropriate agency
19	shall:
20	(1) sell the vehicle and distribute the proceeds under
21	paragraph (b); or
22	(2) keep the vehicle for official use. If the agency keeps
23	a forfeited off-highway vehicle for official use, the agency
24	shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the off-highway
25	vehicle is available for use by the agency's officers who
26	participate in off-highway vehicle enforcement or education
27	programs.
28	(b) The proceeds from the sale of forfeited vehicles, after
29	payment of seizure, towing, storage, forfeiture, and sale
30	expenses and satisfaction of valid liens against the property,
31	must be distributed as follows:
32	(1) 70 percent of the proceeds must be forwarded to the
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33	appropriate agency for deposit as a supplement to the state or
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1	(2) 30 percent of the money or proceeds must be forwarded
2	to the prosecuting authority that handled the forfeiture for
3	deposit as a supplement to its operating fund or similar fund
4	for prosecutorial purposes.
5	Subd. 11. [SALE OF FORFEITED VEHICLE BY SECURED
6	PARTY.] (a) A financial institution with a valid security
7	interest in or a valid lease covering a forfeited off-highway
8	vehicle may choose to dispose of the vehicle under this
9	subdivision, in lieu of the appropriate agency disposing of the
10	vehicle under subdivision 10. A financial institution wishing
11	to dispose of an off-highway vehicle under this subdivision
12	shall notify the appropriate agency of its intent, in writing,
13	within 30 days after receiving notice of the seizure and
14	forfeiture. The appropriate agency shall release the vehicle to
15	the financial institution or its agent after the financial
16	institution presents proof of its valid security agreement or of
17	its lease agreement and the financial institution agrees not to
18	sell the vehicle to a family or household member of the
19	violator, unless the violator is not convicted of the offense on
20	which the forfeiture is based. The financial institution shall
21	dispose of the vehicle in a commercially reasonable manner as
22	defined in section 336.9-610.
23	(b) After disposing of the forfeited vehicle, the financial
24	institution shall reimburse the appropriate agency for its
25	seizure, storage, and forfeiture costs. The financial
26	institution may then apply the proceeds of the sale to its
27	storage costs, to its sale expenses, and to satisfy the lien or
28	the lease on the vehicle. If any proceeds remain, the financial
29	institution shall forward the proceeds to the state treasury,
30	which shall credit the appropriate fund as specified in
31	subdivision 10.
32	Subd. 12. [REDEMPTION REQUIREMENTS.] (a) If an off-highway
33	vehicle is seized by a peace officer for a designated offense,
34	the seized vehicle must be released only:
35	(1) to the registered owner, a person authorized by the
36	registered owner, a lienholder of record, or a person who has

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1	purchased the vehicle from the registered owner, who provides
2	proof of ownership of the vehicle, proof of valid Minnesota
3	driving privileges, and proof of insurance required by law to
4	cover the vehicle;
5	(2) if the vehicle is subject to a rental or lease
6	agreement, to a renter or lessee with valid Minnesota driving
7	privileges who provides a copy of the rental or lease agreement
8	and proof of insurance required by law to cover the vehicle; or
9	(3) to an agent of a towing company authorized by a
10	registered owner if the owner provides proof of ownership of the
11	vehicle and proof of insurance required by law to cover the
12	vehicle.
13	(b) The proof of ownership and insurance or, if applicable,
14	the copy of the rental or lease agreement required under
15	paragraph (a) must be provided to the law enforcement agency
16	seizing the vehicle or to a person or entity designated by the
17	law enforcement agency to receive the information.
18	(c) No law enforcement agency, local unit of government, or
19	state agency is responsible or financially liable for any
20	storage fees incurred due to a seizure under this section.
21	[EFFECTIVE DATE.] This section is effective August 1, 2005,
22	and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.
23	Sec. 6. [84.7742] [RECORD OF VIOLATIONS.]
24	Subdivision 1. [COURT ADMINISTRATOR DUTIES.] (a) Every
25	court administrator shall keep a full record of every case in
26	which a person is charged with an off-highway vehicle gross
27	misdemeanor under section 84.774, paragraph (b).
28	(b) Within ten days after the conviction or forfeiture of
29	bail of a person upon a charge of a gross misdemeanor
30	off-highway violation, the court administrator of the court in
31	which the conviction was had or bail was forfeited shall
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1	(c) The abstract must be made upon a form furnished by the
2	Department of Public Safety and shall include the name and
3	address of the party charged, the driver's license number of the
4	person involved, the nature of the offense, the date of hearing,
5	the plea, the judgment or whether bail was forfeited, and the
6	amount of the fine or forfeiture, as the case may be.
7	(d) Every court shall also forward a report to the
8	Department of Public Safety reporting the conviction of any
9	person of manslaughter or other felony in the commission of
10	which an off-highway vehicle was used.
11	Subd. 2. [INCLUSION ON DRIVING RECORD.] The commissioner
12	of public safety shall file all records received under this
13	section for licensed drivers on the driving record of the
14	licensed driver according to section 171.12.
15	Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 84.775,
16	subdivision 1, is amended to read:
17	Subdivision 1. [CIVIL CITATION; AUTHORITY TO ISSUE.] (a) A
18	conservation officer or other licensed peace officer may issue a
19	civil citation to a person who operates:
20	(1) an off-highway motorcycle in violation of sections
21	84.773; 84.777; 84.788 to 84.795; or 84.90;
22	(2) an off-road vehicle in violation of sections 84.773;
23	84.777; 84.798 to 84.804; or 84.90; or
24	(3) an all-terrain vehicle in violation of sections 84.773;
25	84.777; 84.90; or 84.922 to 84.928.
26	(b) A civil citation shall require restitution for public
27	and private property damage and impose a penalty of:
28	(1) \$100 <u>\$250</u> for the first offense;
29	(2) $\$200$ for the second offense; and
30	(3) \$500 \$1,000 for third and subsequent offenses.
31	(c) If the peace officer determines that there is damage to
32	property requiring restitution, the commissioner must send a
33	written explanation of the extent of the damage and the cost of
34	the repair by first class mail to the address provided by the
35	person receiving the citation within 15 days of the date of the
36	citation.

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1. Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 84.780, is 2 amended to read: 84.780 [OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE DAMAGE ACCOUNT.] 3 4 (a) The off-highway vehicle damage account is created in 5 the natural resources fund. Money in the off-highway vehicle 6 damage account is appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources for: 7 8 (1) the repair or restoration of property damaged by the 9 operation of off-highway vehicles in an unpermitted area after 10 August-17-20037; 11 (2) the repair or restoration of driveways that have been 12 damaged from the legal operation of off-highway vehicles within 13 a public road right-of-way; and 14 for (3) the costs of administration for this section. 15 (b) Before the commissioner may make a payment from this 16 account, the commissioner must determine whether the damage to 17 the applicant's property was caused by the unpermitted use of 18 off-highway vehicles7-that-the-applicant-has-made-reasonable 19 efforts-to-identify-the-responsible-individual-and-obtain payment-from-the-individual,-and-that-the-applicant-has-made 20 21 reasonable-efforts-to-prevent-reoccurrence---By-June-307-20057 22 the-commissioner-of-finance-must-transfer-the-remaining-balance 23 in-the-account-to-the-off-highway-motorcycle-account-under section-84-794--the-off-road-vehicle-account-under-section 24 25 84-8037-and-the-all-terrain-vehicle-account-under-section 84-927---The-amount-transferred-to-each-account-must-be 26 proportionate-to-the-amounts-received-in-the-damage-account-from 27 28 the-relevant-off-highway-vehicle-accounts or by the legal operation of off-highway vehicles within a public road 29 30 right-of-way. 31 (b) (c) Determinations of the commissioner under this section may be made by written order and are exempt from the 32 rulemaking provisions of chapter 14. Section 14.386 does not 33 34 apply. (c)-This-section-expires-July-17-2005. 35 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 84.797, 36

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1 subdivision 6, is amended to read: 2 Subd. 6. [OFF-ROAD.] "Off-road" means on trails-or nonpublic roads or for cross-country travel on natural terrain. 3 4 For purposes of sections 84.797 to 84-805 84.804, nonpublic 5 roads include state forest roads, county forest roads, and other 6 roads and-trails that are not operated by a public road 7 authority as defined in section 160.02, subdivision 25. 8 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 84.797, 9 subdivision 12, is amended to read: Subd. 12. [OFF-ROAD VEHICLE STAGING AREA.] "Off-road 10 vehicle staging area" means a parking lot, trail-head, 11 campground, or other location to or from which an off-road 12 vehicle is transported by truck, trailer, or other motor vehicle 13 14 so that it may be placed into operation or removed from 15 operation on public lands. Off-road vehicle staging area does not include a location to which an off-road vehicle is 16 transported primarily for servicing, maintenance, repair, 17 18 storage, or sale. Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 84.798, 19 subdivision 1, is amended to read: 20 Subdivision 1. [GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.] Unless exempted 21 under subdivision 2, after January 1, 1995, a person may not 22 23 operate and an owner may not give permission for another to operate a-vehicle-off-road,-nor-may-a-person-have an off-road 24 vehicle not-registered-under-chapter-168-in-possession-at-an 25 26 off-road-vehicle-staging-area,-or in designated trail-or-area 27 areas on lands administered by the commissioner or on off-road vehicle grant-in-aid areas funded under section 84.803, unless 28 the vehicle has been registered under this section. 29 3Û Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 84.802, is amended to read: 31 84.802 [YOUTHFUL OPERATORS; PROHIBITIONS.] 32 (a) A person under 16 years of age may not operate an 33 34 off-road vehicle.

35 (b) Except-for-operation-on-public-road-rights-of-way-that
 36 is-permitted-under-section-84-8047 A driver's license issued by

[REVISOR] CKM/DI 05-1981 01/31/05 the state or another state is required to operate an off-road 1 vehicle along-or on a public road right-of-way. 2 3 (c) An owner of an off-road vehicle may not knowingly allow it to be operated in violation of this section. 4 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 84.803, is 5 6 amended to read: 84.803 [OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ACCOUNT; RECEIPTS AND 7 8 ALLOCATIONS.] Subdivision 1. [REGISTRATION REVENUE.] Fees from the 9 registration of off-road vehicles and-unrefunded-gasoline-tax 10 attributable-to-off-road-vehicle-use-under-section-296A-18 must 11 be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the off-road 12 vehicle account in the natural resources fund. 13 Subd. 2. [PURPOSES.] Subject to appropriation by the 14 15 legislature, money in the off-road vehicle account may only be 16 spent for: 17 (1) administration, enforcement, and implementation of 18 sections 84.773 to 84.805 84.804; (2) acquisition, maintenance, and development of off-road 19 20 vehicle trails-and use areas; 21 (3) grant-in-aid programs to counties and municipalities to construct and maintain off-road vehicle traits-and use areas; 22 23 (4) grants-in-aid to local safety programs; and 24 (5) enforcement and public education grants to local law 25 enforcement agencies. 26 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 84.804, 27 subdivision 1, is amended to read: Subdivision 1. [OPERATION ON PUBLIC ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY.] 28 29 (a) A person may not operate a an off-road vehicle off-road 30 within a public road right-of-way in this state except-on-a 31 trail-designated-by-the-commissioner-and-approved-by-the-unit-of 32 government-having-jurisdiction-over-the-right-of-way. 33 (b)-A-person-may-not-operate-a-vehicle-off-road-within-a 34 public-road-right-of-way-between-the-hours-of-one-half-hour 35 after-sunset-to-one-half-hour-before-sunrise7-except-on-the right-hand-side-of-the-right-of-way-and-in-the-same-direction-as 36

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required to avoid obstructions to travel and no other method of avoidance is possible, provided that the vehicle is operated in the farthest right-hand lane, the entrance to the roadway is made within 100 feet of the bridge or obstacle, and the crossing is made without undue delay.

31 (c) (b) A person may not operate an off-road vehicle on a 32 public street or highway unless the off-road vehicle is equipped 33 with at least one headlight and one taillight, each of minimum 34 candlepower as prescribed by rules of the commissioner, and with 35 brakes conforming to standards prescribed by rule of the 36 commissioner, and all of which are subject to the approval of

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1 the commissioner of public safety.

2 (d) (c) Chapter 169 applies to the operation of off-road
3 vehicles on streets and highways, except that those provisions
4 that by their nature have no application and those provisions
5 relating to required equipment do not apply to vehicles not
6 registered under chapter 168. Chapter 169A applies to the
7 operation of off-road vehicles anywhere in the state and on the
8 ice of boundary waters.

9 (e)-A-road-authority7-as-defined-in-section-160-027
10 subdivision-257-may7-with-the-approval-of-the-commissioner7
11 designate-access-trails-on-public-road-rights-of-way-for-gaining
12 access-to-established-off-road-vehicle-trails.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 84.804,
subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. [OPERATION GENERALLY.] A person may not drive or operate a <u>an off-road</u> vehicle off-road:

17 (1) at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable under the 18 surrounding circumstances;

(2) in a careless, reckless, or negligent manner which may
endanger or cause injury or damage to the person or property of
another;

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(3) without a functioning stoplight if so equipped;

23 (4) in a tree nursery or planting in a manner that damages
24 or destroys growing stock;

(5) without a brake operational by either hand or foot; or
(6) on forest lands under the authority of the

27 commissioner, as defined in section 89.001, subdivision 13,

28 other than inventoried forest roads; or

29 (7) in a manner that violates rules adopted by the
30 commissioner.

31 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 84.922,
32 subdivision 2, is amended to read:

33 Subd. 2. [APPLICATION, ISSUANCE, REPORTS.] (a) Application 34 for registration or continued registration shall be made to the 35 commissioner of natural resources, the commissioner of public 36 safety or an authorized deputy registrar of motor vehicles in a

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form prescribed by the commissioner. The form must state the
 name and address of every owner of the vehicle.

3 (b) A person who purchases an all-terrain vehicle from a 4 retail dealer shall make application for registration to the 5 dealer at the point of sale. The dealer shall issue a temporary 6 ten-day registration permit to each purchaser who applies to the 7 dealer for registration. The dealer shall submit the completed 8 registration application and fees to the deputy registrar at least once each week. No fee may be charged by a dealer to a 9 10 purchaser for providing the temporary permit.

11 (c) Upon receipt of the application and the appropriate fee, the commissioner or deputy registrar shall issue to the 12 applicant, or provide to the dealer, a 60-day temporary receipt 13 · and shall assign a registration number that must be affixed to 14 the vehicle in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. A 15 dealer subject to paragraph (b) shall provide the registration 16 17 materials and temporary receipt to the purchaser within the ten-day temporary permit period. The commissioner shall use the 18 snowmobile registration system to register vehicles under this 19 20 section.

(d) Each deputy registrar of motor vehicles acting under 21 22 section 168.33, is also a deputy registrar of all-terrain vehicles. The commissioner of natural resources in agreement 23 with the commissioner of public safety may prescribe the 24 25 accounting and procedural requirements necessary to assure efficient handling of registrations and registration fees. 26 27 Deputy registrars shall strictly comply with the accounting and 28 procedural requirements.

(e) In addition to other fees prescribed by law, a filing
fee cf \$4.50 is charged for each all-terrain vehicle
registration renewal, duplicate or replacement registration
card, and replacement decal and a filing fee of \$7 is charged
for each all-terrain vehicle registration and registration
transfer issued by:

35 (1) a deputy registrar and shall be deposited in the36 treasury of the jurisdiction where the deputy is appointed, or

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1	retained if the deputy is not a public official; or
2	(2) the commissioner and shall be deposited to the state
3	treasury and credited to the all-terrain vehicle account in the
4	natural resources fund.
5	(f) The registration numbers and decal must be displayed on
6	plates that are not less than six inches high and 12 inches
7 .	wide, clearly visible on the front and back of the vehicle, and
8	at least 12 inches from the ground. The plates, registration
9	numbers, and registration decal must be maintained in a clear
10	and legible condition. Letters and numbers on the plates shall
11	be at least three inches high and not less than one-half inch
12	wide.
13	Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 84.928,
14	subdivision 2, is amended to read:
15	Subd. 2. [OPERATION GENERALLY.] A person may not drive or
16	operate an all-terrain vehicle:
17	(1) at a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper
18	under the surrounding circumstances;
19	(2) in a careless, reckless, or negligent manner so as to
20	endanger or to cause injury or damage to the person or property
21	of another;
22	(3) without headlight and taillight lighted at all times if
23	the vehicle is equipped with headlight and taillight;
24	(4) without a functioning stoplight if so equipped;
25	(5) in a tree nursery or planting in a manner that damages
26	or destroys growing stock;
27	(6) without a brake operational by either hand or foot;
28	(7) with more persons on the vehicle than it was designed
29	for, except as allowed under section 84.9257;
30	(8) on public lands or public waters with an air-intake
31	pipe that is more than six inches above the manufacturer's
32	original air-intake pipe;
33	(9) after December 31, 2006, on public lands with tires
34	that have a tread depth of greater than one inch;
35	(10) at a speed exceeding ten miles per hour on the frozen
36	surface of public waters within 100 feet of a person not on an

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01/31/05 [REVISOR] CKM/DI 05-1981 all-terrain vehicle or within 100 feet of a fishing shelter; or 1 2 (9) (11) in a manner that violates operation rules adopted by the commissioner. 3 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 97A.315, 4 5 subdivision 2, is amended to read: Subd. 2. [LICENSE REVOCATIONS.] (a) If a person is 6 7 convicted of trespassing under subdivision 1 while exercising or attempting to exercise an activity licensed under the game and 8 9 fish laws or, requiring off-highway motorcycle registration 10 under section 84.788, requiring off-road vehicle registration 11 under section 84.798, requiring snowmobile registration under 12 section 84.82, or requiring all-terrain vehicle registration under section 84.922, the applicable license and registration 13 are null and void. 14 15 (b) A person convicted of a gross misdemeanor under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), may not be issued a license to 16 17 take game for two years after the conviction. 18 Sec. 20. [REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.] In each section of Minnesota Statutes referred to in column 19 20 A, the revisor of statutes shall delete the reference in column B and insert the reference in column C. 21 22 Column C Column A Column B 23 84.777 84.805 84.804 84.929 84.928 24 84.777 25 84.787, subd. 1 84.796 84.795 26 84.788, subd. 9 84.796 84.795 27 84.791, subd. 4 84.796 84.795 28 84.794, subd. 2 84.796 84.795 29 84.795, subd. 8 84.796 84.795 30 84.797, subd. 1 84.805 84.804 31 84.798, subd. 8 84.805 84.804 32 84.804, subd. 6 84.805 84.804 33 84.92, subd. 1 84.929 84.928 84.922, subd. 9 84.928 34 84.929 84.925, subd. 3 84.929 84.928 35 36 84.9256, subd. 4 84.929 84.928

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1	84.927, subd. 2	84.929	84.928		
2	84.928, subd. 1	84.929	84.928		
3	84.928, subd. 6	84.929	84.928		
4	Sec. 21. [REPEALER.]	l			
5	Minnesota Statutes 20	04, sections 8	4.796; 8	4.805;	84.929;
6	and 296A.18, subdivision 6	, are repealed	•		

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APPENDIX

Repealed Minnesota Statutes for 05-1981

84.796 PENALTIES.

(a) A person who violates a provision of section 84.788, 84.789, 84.793, or 84.795 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) A person who violates a provision of a rule adopted under section 84.79 is guilty of a petty misdemeanor. 84.805 PENALTIES.

A person who violates any provision of sections 84.797 to 84.804 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

84.929 PENALTIES.

Any person who violates any provision of sections 84.92 to 84.928 or rules of the commissioner is guilty of a misdemeanor. 296A.18 APPORTIONMENT OF TAX; DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.

Subd. 6. Off-road vehicle. Approximately 0.164 of one percent of all gasoline received or produced in or brought into this state, except gasoline used for aviation purposes, is being used for the off-road operation of off-road vehicles, as defined in section 84.797, in this state, and of the total revenue derived from the imposition of the gasoline fuel tax for uses other than aviation purposes, 0.164 of one percent is the amount of tax on fuel used for off-road operation of off-road vehicles in this state.