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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill would require a nonresident to obtain an ATV state trail pass in order to operate an ATV on state or grant-in-aid ATV trails.

Section

- 1 Citation authority.** Amends § 84.0835, subd. 3. Allows a citation to be issued for violations of the new nonresident ATV trail pass requirements established in section 2.
- 2 Nonresident all-terrain vehicle state trail pass.** Add § 84.9275.

Subd. 1. Pass required; fee. Prohibits a nonresident from operating an ATV on a state or grant-in-aid trail unless carrying an ATV state trail pass. Establishes a \$20 annual fee for the pass (valid from April 1 to March 31). Requires the proceeds from the fee to be deposited in the ATV account, except for the commission received by the commissioner from the electronic licensing system which must be used for grants-in-aid to counties and municipalities for ATV organizations to construct and maintain ATV trails and use areas. Provides an exception from the trail pass requirements for federal, state, or other ATVs, or those being operated only on a portion of a trail that is owned by the person operating the ATV or that person's spouse, child, or parent.

Subd. 2. License agents. Allows the commissioner to appoint agents to issue the trail passes and allows the commissioner to revoke the appointment and adopt additional rules for accounting and handling the passes. Requires an agent to observe those rules and promptly deposit and remit all money to the commissioner.

Subd. 3. Issuance of passes. Requires the commissioner and the agents to issue the passes and requires that the passes be available through the electronic licensing system.

Subd. 4. Agents fee. Allows an issuing fee of \$1 to be charged and allows the seller of the pass to retain the issuing fee. Requires issuing fees collected by the

commissioner to be deposited in the ATV account and retained for operation of the electronic licensing system.

Subd. 5. Duplicate passes. Requires the commissioner and agents to issue replacement passes for lost or destroyed passes for a fee of \$2 and an issuing fee of \$.50.