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## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2023 Assembly Bill 105**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

### 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 105

Current law generally prohibits, with various exceptions, the operation of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) on highways and freeways. Among these exceptions, the prohibitions on the operation of ATVs and UTVs on highways and freeways do not apply to the operator of an ATV or UTV owned by a municipality, state agency, public utility, or by the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, while the operator is engaged in an emergency or in the operation of an ATV or UTV directly related to the functions of the entity that owns the ATV or UTV. This exception only applies if safety does not require strict adherence to the prohibitions against operating ATVs and UTVs on highways and freeways.

2023 Assembly Bill 105 expands the exception described above, providing that an ATV or UTV owned by an electric cooperative may also be operated on a highway or freeway under the described circumstances.

### ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 creates an additional exception to the prohibitions against operating ATVs and UTVs on highways and freeways. Specifically, the amendment adds an exception for the operator of an ATV or UTV while the operator is engaged in activities at the direction of and under contract with a municipality or electric cooperative. Similar to the exception included in the bill, the amendment's exception only applies if safety does not require strict adherence to the prohibitions against operating ATVs and UTVs on highways and freeways.

### BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Vos on May 10, 2023. On June 6, 2023, the Assembly Committee on Energy and Utilities voted to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 16; Noes, 0.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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