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2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 516

August 31, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives Mursau, Armstrong, Cabrera, Knodl, Oldenburg, Rozar and Tusler, cosponsored by Senators Petrowski, Bewley, Cowles, Marklein, Ringhand and Wanggaard. Referred to Committee on Local Government.

- 1 AN ACT to amend 23.33 (11) (am) 1.; and to create 349.11 (11) of the statutes;
- relating to: authorizing posting of speed limits applicable to all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides that a county, city, town, or village (local authority) may post a speed limit that is applicable only to all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs).

Under current law generally, local authorities must place and maintain standard signs giving notice of speed limits for vehicles operated on highways under their jurisdiction. With limited exceptions, local authorities may not modify statutorily established speed limits.

Under current law, a local authority may designate a highway under its jurisdiction as an ATV route, subject to the requirement that the authority marks the route with required signs. Under the bill, if a local authority designates a highway under its jurisdiction as an ATV route, the local authority may post a speed limit, applicable only to ATVs and UTVs that is lower than the statutorily established speed limit for that highway.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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23.33 (11) (am) 1. Any county, town, city, or village may enact an ordinance that is in strict conformity with this section and rules promulgated by the department under this section if the ordinance encompasses all aspects encompassed by this section, except as provided in subds. 2., 3., and 4. and s. 349.11 (11).

Section 2. 349.11 (11) of the statutes is created to read:

349.11 (11) Notwithstanding any speed limits imposed under this section or under s. 346.57, if a local authority designates a highway under its jurisdiction as an all-terrain vehicle route under s. 23.33 (8) (b), the local authority may post a speed limit, applicable only to all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles, as defined under s. 23.33 (1) (ng), that is lower than the speed limit imposed under this section or under s. 346.57.

13 (END)