

1       **AN ACT** *to create* 23.33 (2) (am) of the statutes; **relating to:** the display of all-terrain  
 2           vehicle registration numbers.

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

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE:** This bill draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council’s Special Committee on State Trails Policy.

3           **SECTION 1.** 23.33 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

4           23.33 (2) (am) *Registration for public use; display of registration number.* No person  
 5           may operate in this state an all-terrain vehicle that is registered for public use under par. (a)  
 6           unless the all-terrain vehicle has attached to it in a prominent manner, as specified by the  
 7           department by rule, the registration number assigned to the all-terrain vehicle

**NOTE:** Under the current all-terrain vehicle (ATV) statutes, no person may operate or give permission to operate an ATV unless the ATV is registered for public use (i.e., for use on public trails or routes) or for private use (i.e., used exclusively on private property), or is exempt from registration, or is issued a commercial ATV certificate (i.e., manufacturers, dealers, or distributors, or persons engaged in the business of renting ATVs). Under the current statutes, a person who registers an ATV for public use must display 2 registration decals on the vehicle. The department of natural resources (DNR), by administrative rule, specifies the size of the decals and the information required to be contained on the decals. The DNR also designates authorized distributors of registration decals. Under the current statutes, there is no license plate or other requirement to display registration numbers on an ATV.

This bill draft creates a requirement for the operator to display the registration number on an ATV that is registered for public use. The DNR is required by this draft to specify the manner of displaying the registration number. The only statutory requirement for display of the registration number is that it must be displayed in a prominent manner.