



**House
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Analysis
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ORV DEALERS

**House Bill 4711 (Substitute H-1)
First Analysis (5-4-95)**

**Sponsor: Rep. Tom Alley
Committee: Conservation, Environment
and Great Lakes**

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

Public Act 26 of 1995 amended the off-road vehicle (ORV) act to, among other things, reinstate repealed provisions concerning the allocation of revenue in the ORV Trail Improvement Fund. Another provision of Public Act 26 broadened the definition of "dealer" to include anyone authorized by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to sell licenses and permits. It was intended that this provision would enable hunting and fishing license agents to sell ORV licenses. Since ORV agents are now entered into the DNR's new electronic licensure system, it is proposed that they also be allowed to sell any license or permit that is issued by the DNR.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

House Bill 4711 would amend the off-road vehicle act, Public Act 319 of 1975, to permit a dealer who sold, leased, or rented off-road vehicles (ORVs) as a regular business to sell any other license or permit that is authorized, under state law, by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to be sold by other dealers.

MCL 257.1606

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

According to the House Fiscal Agency, the bill would have no fiscal impact. (5-1-95)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The provisions of the bill would permit off-road vehicle (ORV) dealers to sell, in addition to ORV licenses, hunting, fishing, and other licenses. The number of dealers selling off-road vehicles has increased over the past few years, in response to the growing popularity of this type of recreation. Since these dealers are located in the same resort areas

where other sports, including hunting and fishing, are also popular, it makes sense that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) enlist as many dealers as possible to sell all types of licenses.

POSITIONS:

The Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) supports the bill. (5-2-95)

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) supports the bill. (5-2-95)

The Michigan Motorcycle Dealers Association supports the bill. (5-2-95)