



**House
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Analysis
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ORV DEALERS

**House Bill 4711 as enrolled
Public Act 99 of 1995
Second Analysis (6-29-95)**

**Sponsor: Rep. Tom Alley
House Committee: Conservation,
Environment, and Great Lakes
Senate Committee: Natural Resources
and Environmental Affairs**

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Public Act 26 of 1995 amended the off-road vehicle (ORV) act to, among other things, reinstate repealed provisions concerning the allocation of revenue in the ORV Trail Improvement Fund. (The off-road vehicle act, including the provisions of Public Act 26, was repealed and reenacted into the new Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act [NREPA] by Public Act 58 of 1995, Enrolled House Bill 4349.) 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 provisions in the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 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.

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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.