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RESEARCH MEMORANDUM

TO: Lois Court
FROM: Jery Payne
DATE: October 23, 2015
SUBJECT: A Brief Summary of LLS16-0189

Research Memorandum

1. LLS16-0189 makes the following major changes to current law:

- Municipalities are authorized to permit a person to cross a state highway within their jurisdiction.
- Local authorities are authorized to require driver's licenses and insurance. And these requirements are exempted from the rule that local ordinances must be consistent with state-promulgated rules.
- Local authorities are authorized to require a person to register with the county clerks before a person may operate an off-highway vehicle on the road.
- Local authorities are authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with federal land management agencies.
- A voluntary registration program is put in place. The voluntary registration program does not apply to trails unless a local government classifies a trail as a road.

2. The following changes apply if a person registers the off-highway vehicle with the county clerk:

- A person must have a driver's license to drive on a road unless a local authority waives this requirement.
- A person must have a motorcycle endorsement to drive on a road if the off-highway vehicle is also a motorcycle.
- The off-highway vehicle is issued a license plate.
- The driver of an off-highway vehicle must obey the rules of the road.
- Off-highway vehicles are prohibited from limited-access highways and roads with a speed limit of 45 miles per hour or more.
- Eye protection is required.
- Helmets are required for minor drivers and passengers of off-highway vehicles.
- Off-highway vehicles are required to have brakes and, if driven at night, headlamps and tail lamps.
- A speed limit of 40 miles per hour is established.
- Off-highway vehicles are included in the careless driving and reckless driving statutes.