

**STATE and LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Tochtrop

Bill Status: Senate Agriculture

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF VEHICLES OFF-ROAD.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue Fines Collected Cash Fund	See State Revenue Section.	
State Expenditures General Fund	See State Expenditures Section.	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill:

- prohibits bicycles on federal land unless the route is authorized;
- increases the fine for installing unauthorized, or defacing, land management signs from \$100 to \$150; and
- increases the penalty of not having a spark arrester on an off-road vehicle on federal public lands from \$50 to \$150.

The statutes for off-road vehicles are set to repeal on July 1, 2013. This bill removes the repeal date, thus making the law permanent. This bill also moves the law from the wildlife statutes to the parks statutes.

State Revenue

This bill will increase fine revenue by a minimal amount in FY 2013-14 and beyond. The bill expands the prohibition on operating motor vehicles on unauthorized public lands to include bicycles. It also increases fines for failure to use a spark arrester and altering a land management sign. The inclusion of bicycles and the increase in fine amounts will increase revenue by a minimal amount, however the infractions under this bill are not expected to be numerous.

State Expenditures

This bill may increase caseload in the courts by a minimal amount in FY 2013-14 and beyond. This bill creates a new violation that could result in additional cases for the court. Any increase is assumed to be minimal and can be handled within existing appropriations to the Judicial branch.

Departments Contacted

Judicial
Natural Resources

Law
Public Safety

Local Affairs
Transportation