

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1209

Introduced by Assembly Member Yee

February 22, 2005

An act to add Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 1937) to Title 5 of Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code, relating to snowmobiles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1209, as introduced, Yee. Off-highway vehicles: rental snowmobiles.

Existing law regulates certain bailments and leasing transactions.

This bill would regulate persons in the business of renting snowmobiles, as defined, to the public and the equipment and operation of rental snowmobiles. Among other things, it would require all persons who rent a snowmobile from a rental company to have completed a training course, and would require all guides who lead tours to have completed a CPR course, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 1937) is
2 added to Title 5 of Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 1.5. SNOWMOBILE RENTAL

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6 1937. This chapter applies to all persons in the business of
7 renting snowmobiles to the public.

8 1937.1. For purposes of this chapter:

- 1 (a) “Rental company” means a person in the business of
- 2 renting snowmobiles to the public.
- 3 (b) “Snowmobile” has the same meaning as that term is
- 4 defined in Section 557 of the Vehicle Code.
- 5 1937.2. A rental company shall offer a person who rents a
- 6 snowmobile a training course that familiarizes the renter with the
- 7 safe operation of the snowmobile and that explains the dangers of
- 8 riding a snowmobile. A rental company shall require a renter to
- 9 complete the training course before allowing the renter to operate
- 10 a rental snowmobile.
- 11 1937.3. A guide who leads a tour of rental snowmobiles for a
- 12 rental company shall have completed a basic cardiopulmonary
- 13 resuscitation (CPR) course that complies with the standards
- 14 adopted by the American Heart Association or the American Red
- 15 Cross for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac
- 16 care.
- 17 1937.4. A rental company shall equip a rental snowmobile
- 18 with a lightweight shovel and flashlight with a flashlight charger.
- 19 1937.5. A rental company shall provide each renter with a
- 20 DOT-rated or Snell-rated helmet.
- 21 1937.6. If a rental company rents a snowmobile to a person
- 22 under 16 years of age, that rental company shall allow the person
- 23 to operate a snowmobile only if that person is accompanied by a
- 24 responsible adult.