

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 571—Chapter 46
“All-Terrain Vehicles, Off-Road Motorcycles and Off-Road Utility Vehicles”

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 321I.2 and 321I.11

State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code sections 321I.2 and 321I.11 and 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2088

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

November 17, 2026
2 to 3 p.m.

6200 Park Avenue, Suite 200
Des Moines, Iowa
Also via videoconference call

A Google Meet link and conference call number will be provided prior to the hearing to those who make a request to take part in the hearing. The request for a hearing link/conference call number shall be submitted to Kim Bohlen at kim.bohlen@dnr.iowa.gov no later than 8 a.m. on November 17.

Free language assistance: If you need assistance in a language other than English, contact the Department of Natural Resources (Department) at kim.bohlen@dnr.iowa.gov or civilrights@dnr.iowa.gov or by telephone at 515.360.3682 at least seven days before the event.

Asistencia lingüística gratuita: Si necesita ayuda en un idioma que no sea inglés, comuníquese con el Departamento al kim.bohlen@dnr.iowa.gov o civilrights@dnr.iowa.gov o por teléfono a 515.360.3682 al menos siete días antes del evento.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

Chapter 46 describes the requirements for registration, renewal, operation, and accident reporting for all-terrain vehicles, off-road utility vehicles, and off-road motorcycles. The proposed rulemaking

changes the reporting threshold for all-terrain vehicle accidents from \$1,500 to \$5,000 as required by 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2088.

Analysis of Impact

1. Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:

- **Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**

No costs are expected beyond what is required and imposed by the legislation.

- **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**

Individuals involved in all-terrain vehicle accidents with property damage under \$5,000 will benefit.

2. Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:

- **Quantitative description of impact:**

There is no quantitative impact beyond what is required by the newly amended Iowa Code.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

There is no qualitative impact beyond what is required by the newly amended Iowa Code.

3. Costs to the State:

- **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

No costs are expected beyond what is required by the newly amended Iowa Code.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

No impact on State revenues is expected beyond what is required by the newly amended Iowa Code.

4. Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:

Not applicable. This rulemaking is required to align with State law.

5. Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

No less costly or less intrusive methods were identified. The dollar amounts are established in the Iowa Code, and this rulemaking is required to align with those values.

6. Alternative methods considered by the agency:

- **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

No alternative methods were considered by the agency. This rulemaking is required to align with State law.

- **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.

- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.

- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

There is no substantial impact on small business.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 46.11(1) as follows:

46.11(1) Whenever any regulated vehicle is involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to any person or property damage amounting to ~~\$1,500~~ \$5,000 or more, the operator or a person acting for the operator shall immediately notify the county sheriff or another law enforcement agency in the state.