

MOTORCYCLE DEALERS ASSOCIATION OF INDIANA

MDAI Dealers,

Remember, Indiana's new off-road vehicle (ORV) law requiring helmets for anyone under the age of 18 went into effect Saturday, July 1. This includes public and private lands. If anyone has any questions about the new law I will be glad to answer all that I know and understand.

MDAI recently participated in a collaborative effort with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, numerous other state agencies and several organizations to develop the following collaborative mission statement:

Our mission is to protect Indiana's youth from preventable brain injuries, serious bodily injuries or fatalities caused while operating or riding on vehicles capable of cross-country travel through highly visible and dynamic educational campaigns and effective law enforcement. Our goal is that individuals under age 18 operating or riding on an off-road vehicle wear a DOT-approved helmet in accordance with state law. We pledge to support all organizations and state agencies to effectively promote safe off-road vehicle operation and riding as a viable form of outdoor recreation.

ORV Helmet Law, Effective July 1, 2017:

Sec. 11. (a) An individual less than eighteen (18) years of age who is operating or riding on an off-road vehicle shall wear a helmet that meets the standards established by the United States Department of Transportation under 49 CFR 571.218 as in effect January 1, 1979.

(b) An individual who violates this section commits a Class C infraction.

SECTION 3. IC 14-16-1-33 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 33. A person who is:

- (1) the owner of an off-road vehicle;
- (2) in possession of an off-road vehicle; or
- (3) entitled to the possession of an off-road vehicle, whether by reason of legal title, lease, license, rental arrangement, lease with option to purchase, contract of conditional sale, or otherwise; may not knowingly authorize or permit an individual less than eighteen (18) years of age to operate the off-road vehicle in violation of IC 9-18.1-14-11

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