324.8132 Rules; ordinance enacted under authority of rule; enforcement.

Sec. 81132. (1) The department may promulgate rules governing the operation and conduct of ORVs, vehicle speed limits, use of vehicles by day and hour, and the establishment and designation of areas within which vehicles may be used in a manner compatible with, and that will best protect, the public safety and general welfare on the frozen surface of public waters, and that will preserve the submerged marshlands adjacent to the borders of the Great Lakes, lake St. Clair, and the navigable inland waters of the state.

(2) The department, on its own initiative or upon receipt of a certified resolution of the governing body of a local unit of government may initiate investigations into the need for special rules governing the operation of vehicles on the frozen surface of public waters and the submerged marshlands adjacent to the borders of the Great Lakes, lake St. Clair, and the navigable inland waters of the state. If controls for that activity are considered necessary, or when the amendment or rescission of an existing rule is required, a rule shall be prepared. Notice of a public hearing shall be made not less than 10 days prior to the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in the area within which the rules are to be imposed, amended, or rescinded.

(3) The proposed rule shall then be submitted to the governing body of the political subdivision in which the affected frozen waters or marshes lie. Within 30 calendar days, the governing body shall inform the department that it approves or disapproves of the proposed rule. If the governing body disapproves the proposed rule, further action shall not be taken. If the governing body approves the proposed rule, a local ordinance may be enacted which shall be identical to the rule, and which ordinance shall not be effective until the rule is in effect in accordance with law. The department shall then promulgate the rule.

(4) When an ordinance is enacted under the authority of a rule, and that rule is subsequently suspended by the legislature, or amended or rescinded by the department, the ordinance shall also be suspended, amended, or repealed.

(5) A local law enforcement officer may enforce an ordinance enacted pursuant to this section, and a state law enforcement officer shall enforce a rule promulgated under this section.


Popular name: Act 451
Popular name: NREPA
Popular name: Off-Road Vehicle Act
Popular name: ORV