

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5692

March 17, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Markkanen and Filler and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 82122 and 82123 (MCL 324.82122 and 324.82123), as added by 1995 PA 58.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 82122. (1) A **person shall not operate a** snowmobile ~~shall~~  
2 ~~not be operated~~ unless it has at least 1 headlight, 1 taillight,  
3 and adequate brakes capable, while the snowmobile travels on packed  
4 snow and carries an operator who weighs 175 pounds or more, of  
5 stopping the snowmobile in not more than 40 feet from an initial



1 steady speed of 20 miles per hour or of locking the snowmobile's  
2 traction belt or belts.

3 (2) A person shall not sell or offer to sell in this state a  
4 snowmobile manufactured after July 1, 1978, unless it meets the  
5 minimum safety standards for snowmobile product certification of  
6 the snowmobile safety and certification committee's November 23,  
7 1976, volume 3, ~~safety standards for snowmobiles for product~~  
8 ~~certification,~~ "**Safety Standards for Snowmobiles for Product**  
9 **Certification**", including detailed standard supplement and test  
10 specifications and procedures, covering machine sound levels,  
11 seats, controls, brake systems, fuel systems, shields and guards,  
12 electrical systems and lighting, reflectors, handgrips, and general  
13 hazard requirements. Proof of compliance with this section shall be  
14 in the form of certification by a qualified independent testing  
15 company that is not affiliated with the manufacturer and is  
16 approved by the department.

17 (3) **A person who violates this section is responsible for a**  
18 **state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of**  
19 **not more than \$150.00.**

20 Sec. 82123. (1) A person operating or riding on a snowmobile  
21 shall wear ~~a crash helmet~~ on his or her head. ~~Crash helmets shall~~  
22 ~~be~~ **a crash helmet** approved by the United States ~~department of~~  
23 ~~transportation.~~ **Department of Transportation.**

24 (2) This section does not apply to a person riding on or  
25 operating a snowmobile on his or her own private property.

26 (3) **A person who violates this section is responsible for a**  
27 **state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of**  
28 **not more than \$150.00.**

