



2023 SENATE BILL 216

April 14, 2023 - Introduced by Senators STAFSHOLT, COWLES, FELZKOWSKI, MARKLEIN and TESTIN, cosponsored by Representatives SWEARINGEN, GREEN, BEHNKE, BODDEN, EDMING, MAGNAFICI, O'CONNOR, PENTERMAN, PRONSCHINSKE, SAPIK, SORTWELL and VANDERMEER. Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 23.33 (6) (ce) of the statutes; **relating to:** whip lights on
2 all-terrain and utility terrain vehicles.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill authorizes equipping all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) with whip lights.

Under current law, no person may operate an ATV or UTV that is equipped with any of the following: 1) any color of light other than white or amber visible from the front; 2) any color of light other than red, yellow, amber, or white that is visible from the rear; or 3) any flashing, oscillating, or rotating light in a color other than yellow or amber.

The bill authorizes the operation of ATVs and UTVs equipped with whip lights that emit any color of light in a fixed display or according to any pattern or sequence other than flashing red or blue. “Whip light” is defined as a series of lights arranged vertically along a flexible rod that is attached to an ATV or UTV so that the emitted light is visible from any direction.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 23.33 (6) (ce) of the statutes is created to read:
4 23.33 (6) (ce) 1. In this paragraph, “whip light” means a series of lights
5 arranged vertically along a flexible rod that is attached to an all-terrain vehicle or

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SECTION 1

1 utility terrain vehicle so that the emitted light is visible from any direction
2 approaching the all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle.

3 2. A person may operate an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle that is
4 equipped with a whip light that emits any color of light in a fixed display or according
5 to any pattern or sequence.

6 3. Notwithstanding subd. 2., a person may not operate an all-terrain vehicle
7 or utility terrain vehicle that is equipped with a whip light that emits a flashing red
8 or blue color of light.

9 (END)