

# HOUSE BILL No. 1342

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-18.1-14-11.

**Synopsis:** Operation of off-road vehicles. Exempts individuals from the requirement of wearing a helmet while operating or riding on an off-road vehicle if the off-road vehicle is: (1) equipped with a roll cage, or closed roof and windshield; (2) operated on private property or on a highway in a county, city, or town with an off-road vehicle ordinance; and (3) operated according to manufacturer's instructions. Defines "roll cage".

**Effective:** July 1, 2018.

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January 16, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-18.1-14-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.141-2017,  
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 11. **(a) As used in this section, "roll cage"  
4 means a framework of reinforcements fitted around the passenger  
5 compartment of a vehicle to protect the occupants from injury in  
6 the event of a vehicle rollover.**

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

12 **(c) This section does not apply if the off-road vehicle is:**  
13 **(1) equipped with a:**  
14 **(A) roll cage; or**  
15 **(B) closed roof and windshield;**  
16 **(2) operated on private property or on a highway of a county,**  
17 **city, or town in accordance with an ordinance adopted under**



1           **IC 9-21-1-3(a)(14) or IC 9-21-1-3.3(a); and**  
2           **(3) operated according to the off-road vehicle manufacturer's**  
3           **instructions.**  
4           ~~(b)~~ **(d)** An individual who violates this section commits a Class C  
5           infraction.

