



Mr. Kivela and Mr. Irwin,

Thanks for reaching out regarding the changes to the Michigan vehicle code in House Bill #5409.

I write in full support of this bill, with one reservation mentioned below. I think it is wise to create a definition of a quadricycle and begin safety measures to make and keep them as safe as buses and limousines.

The only gap I see to the legislation is no mention of age. I would like to see some safety measure protecting children from injury. In my opinion, no children under 48" should be in a pedaling position and all children should be required to wear a helmet. There are usually 3-5 non-pedaling positions on a quadricycle.

I would also point out the 25mph road regulation. There are really very few streets that apply to that anymore, as even Wright Street in Marquette is now 30-35mph. This is mostly a moot point, but if not too late; I would like to see the regulation change to be allowed on roads up to 35mph.

I commend the legislators behind this bill in being proactive and receptive to helping a new industry to grow. It's not often that something new is invented that creates an entire new classification, and it is refreshing to see government respond to those needs and changes rather than choosing to ignore them until problems arise. Local municipalities now will have a classification and some ground rules to start from. The changes/creation in this legislation will allow an economic engine of tourism to be only expanded in value and usefulness. Responsibly, this will allow growth in the industry and add an element of flexibility. Towns like Marquette and Grand Rapids that thrive on microbrewery business will only benefit from the addition.

If you have any further questions, feel free to reach out.

Thanks

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