

NUNATSIAVUT ASSEMBLY

IL 2023-04

AN ACT RESPECTING THE USE OF HELMETS BY OPERATORS AND PASSENGERS OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON LABRADOR INUIT LANDS.

WHEREAS the use of off-road vehicles is generally regulated by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador; however,

WHEREAS section 17.9.3 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* grants the Nunatsiavut Government the authority to make laws with respect to recreational vehicles on Labrador Inuit Lands; and

WHEREAS the Nunatsiavut Assembly wishes to set out requirements for the use of helmets for persons using off-road vehicles on Labrador Inuit Lands;

NOW THEREFORE be it enacted by the Nunatsiavut Assembly, as follows:

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Helmets Act*.

Definitions and interpretation

2. (1) In this Act:
 - (a) "Inuit Community" means one of the following communities: Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik, Postville or Rigolet and "Inuit Communities" means all of those communities;
 - (b) "Labrador Inuit Lands" has the same meaning as that term is given in section 1.1.1 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement;
 - (c) "law of general application" means provincial or federal law;
 - (d) "off-road vehicle" means a wheeled or tracked motorized vehicle designed or adapted for cross-country travel on land, water, ice, snow, marsh, swamp land or other natural terrain including:
 - (i) a motorized snow vehicle;
 - (ii) an all-terrain vehicle;



Passed as an act on
November 22, 2023.

- (iii) a mini-bike, dirt-bike and trail-bike;
- (iv) a miniature vehicle such as a dune or sport buggy;
- (v) an off-road maintenance machine; and
- (vi) an amphibious vehicle,

but not including agricultural equipment, infrastructure equipment or a garden lawnmower, lawn tractor or golf cart;

(2) In this Act a reference to recreational vehicles includes off-road vehicles.

Application

3. This Act applies to the operation of off-road vehicles on Labrador Inuit Lands outside of the Inuit Communities.

Helmet not required

4. Despite any law of general application to the contrary, an operator or passenger of an off-road vehicle or a passenger being towed by an off-road vehicle is not required to wear a helmet.

Coming into Force

5. This Act comes into force on a day to be set by Order of the President.