



## State Representative Kim Thatcher – House

House Bill 2792 Adopted by the Oregon Legislature in June 2011

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/11reg/measpdf/hb2700.dir/hb2792.en.pdf>

Took effect August 2, 2011 when it was signed by Governor Kitzhaber

- **Changes the law to help Oregonians who ride ATVs or Snowmobiles.**

--Under previous Oregon Law no one, not even someone with a Concealed Handgun License (CHL) could legally carry a loaded firearm on an ATV/Snowmobile.

--This new law creates a definition of “unloaded” so anyone without a CHL can now legally transport a handgun, but have it handy in case you need to defend yourself.

--If you don't have a CHL you can carry the firearm either in a locked container or it can be equipped with a trigger lock of some sort. Or you can carry openly. For an ATV or snowmobile you can carry openly if there is no round in the chamber or aligned with the hammer in the case of a revolver. If it is a muzzle loaded/black powder firearm you have to make sure it is not capped or primed.

--This new law makes it clear that people with a CHL are exempt and can still carry concealed (any way they want to conceal and it can be loaded) on these off road vehicles.

- **Changes the law to help Oregonians who ride Motorcycles.**

--Under previous Oregon Law there was no practical, lawful way for a person to transport a firearm on a motorcycle if the rider doesn't have a CHL.

--Two years ago Oregon laws were changed to create a definition of “not readily accessible” for cars, but not motorcycles. This new law adopted this year clarifies what is meant by “not readily accessible” for motorcycles. And once you follow the law and carry a firearm in a manner that is “not readily accessible” then you can carry it on a motorcycle.

--If you don't have a CHL, a handgun is considered to be “not readily accessible” on a motorcycle if it is in a locked container or is equipped with a trigger lock of some sort.

--If you do have a CHL you can legally carry concealed or openly on a motorcycle any way you want.

- **BOTTOM LINE?**

--If you have a CHL you can now carry fully loaded handguns on snowmobiles or ATV's. If you do not have a CHL you may carry on your motorcycle if the gun is locked, -- or on a snowmobile or ATV if there is no round in the chamber or the handgun is in a locked container or has a trigger lock. If it's a revolver there should be no round under the hammer.