# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. GRAY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring titling of all motorized recreational vehicles in New York state

**The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:**

Section 1. Legislative intent. A lack of a uniform titling system exists for motorized recreational items, including all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), snowmobiles, dirt bikes, personal watercraft, and other similar vehicles, which creates ownership transfer challenges, facilitates unlawful transactions, and increases the risk of theft and fraudulent sales. Establishing a requirement for titling such vehicles will improve accountability, enhance public safety, and protect consumer rights.

§ 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 397-d to read as follows:

**§ 397-d. Motorized recreational vehicle title requirement. 1. For the purposes of this section, the term "motorized recreational vehicle" shall include the following:**

**(a) all terrain vehicles defined by section twenty-two hundred eighty-one of this chapter;**

**(b) snowmobiles as defined by section twenty-two hundred twenty-one of this chapter;**

**(c) dirt bikes and off-road motorcycles;**

**(d) personal watercraft, such as jet skis; and**

**(e) any other similar motorized recreational vehicle as determined by the commissioner.**

**2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, or of any other law, any motorized recreational vehicle operated, sold or transferred within New York state shall be titled with the department. The department shall issue a certificate of title to the owner of any such motorized recreational vehicle upon application and payment of applicable fees as determined by the department.**

**3. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:**

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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(a) motorized recreational vehicles owned and operated solely for agricultural or commercial use on private property, unless such vehicles are sold or transferred; or

(b) motorized recreational vehicles registered and titled in another state, provided that such vehicles are not sold or transferred within the state of New York.

4. (a) No person shall sell, transfer or purchase a motorized recreational vehicle without a valid title.

(b) Dealers and private sellers of motorized recreational vehicles shall ensure that such title is properly endorsed and transferred upon the sale of such motorized recreational vehicle.

5. The department shall maintain a digital database of titled motorized recreational vehicles to assist in tracking ownership of motorized recreational vehicles and preventing fraudulent transactions involving motorized recreational vehicles.

6. (a) Failure to comply with the titling requirements of this section shall result in a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars for individuals and two thousand five hundred dollars for businesses or dealers.

(b) Knowingly falsifying a title or selling an untitled motorized recreational vehicle shall constitute a misdemeanor offense and shall be punishable by up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date upon which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the department of motor vehicles is authorized to promulgate, amend, and/or repeal any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on or before such effective date.