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Introduced by M. of A. RUSSELL, ROBERTS, WEPRIN, DUPREY, LAVINE, RAIA, MONTESANO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. MAGEE, PALMESANO, TITONE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the definition and use of all terrain vehicles

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2281 of the vehicle and traffic
2 law, as amended by chapter 319 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read
3 as follows:
4 1. (a) "All terrain vehicle" or "ATV" means (I) any self-propelled
5 vehicle which is manufactured for sale for operation primarily on off-
6 highway trails or off-highway competitions and only incidentally oper-
7 ated on public highways providing that such vehicle does not exceed
8 seventy inches in width, or one thousand pounds dry weight. Provided,
9 however, this definition shall not include a "snowmobile" or other self-
10 propelled vehicles manufactured for off-highway use exclusively designed
11 for travel on snow or ice, steered by skis or runners and supported in
12 whole or in part by one or more skis, belts or cleats which utilize an
13 endless belt tread; OR
14 (II) ANY SELF-PROPELLED VEHICLE WHICH IS MANUFACTURED FOR SALE FOR
15 OPERATION PRIMARILY ON OFF-HIGHWAY TRAILS OR OFF-HIGHWAY COMPETITIONS
16 AND ONLY INCIDENTALLY OPERATED ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS PROVIDING THAT SUCH
17 VEHICLE DOES NOT EXCEED SEVENTY INCHES IN WIDTH, OR ONE THOUSAND FIVE
18 HUNDRED POUNDS DRY WEIGHT, CONSISTS OF A SIDE-BY-SIDE PASSENGER CONFIG-
19 URATION, IS DESIGNED FOR NO MORE THAN THREE PASSENGERS AND HAS SAFETY
20 FEATURES WHICH INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, SEAT BELTS AND ROLL-OVER
21 BARS. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS DEFINITION SHALL NOT INCLUDE A

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

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1 "SNOWMOBILE" OR OTHER SELF-PROPELLED VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FOR OFF-HIGH-
2 WAY USE EXCLUSIVELY DESIGNED FOR TRAVEL ON SNOW OR ICE, STEERED BY SKIS
3 OR RUNNERS AND SUPPORTED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY ONE OR MORE SKIS, BELTS
4 OR CLEATS WHICH UTILIZE AN ENDLESS BELT TREAD.

5 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of [paragraph (a)] SUBPARAGRAPHS
6 (I) AND (II) OF PARAGRAPH (A) of this subdivision, the [term] TERMS "all
7 terrain vehicle" [or], "ATV" shall not include any vehicle used for
8 agricultural purposes or for snowplowing, other than for hire, provided,
9 however, that any such vehicle shall register as an "all terrain vehi-
10 cle" or "ATV" pursuant to the provisions of this article if such vehicle
11 is used or is intended to be used for any purpose other than agricul-
12 tural purposes or for snowplowing and shall be regulated in accordance
13 with provisions governing the operation of "all terrain vehicles" or
14 "ATV's" while in such use.

15 S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
16 have become a law.