STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 16, 2021

Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

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

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

Section 1. Section 401 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 14 to read as follows:

14. Registration of all terrain vehicles operated upon public highways connecting portions of a farm or farms, fields and agriculture buildings, and up to one-half mile from the vehicle owner's farm. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, all terrain vehicles with a weight of no more than one thousand five hundred pounds, to be operated by any person, upon a public highway for the purpose of traveling by the most direct route, but in no event further than one half mile one-way from a point on the vehicle owner's farm between fields, buildings, and facilities managed or operated as part of a single farm enterprise in connection with production, harvesting, processing or marketing on that farm of crops, livestock, or livestock products produced on that farm, may be registered as provided in this subdivision. Every owner of such vehicles may cause to be filed by mail or otherwise, with the commissioner or with any agent of the commissioner, an application for registration of such vehicle, addressed to the commissioner, and on a blank form to be furnished by the commissioner for that purpose, containing the information required by subdivision one of this section and such other information as the commissioner shall require. The commissioner or agent shall make such investigation, as he or she shall determine necessary, and if satisfied that the vehicle is to be operated exclusively as provided in this subdivision shall, upon the payment of a fee of one dollar, assign to such vehicle a distinctive number and issue and deliver to the applicant a set of number plates and

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

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a certificate of registration in such form as the commissioner shall prescribe, indicating the extent to which the vehicle registered may be operated on the public highways and such vehicle may be operated only as so indicated. For the purposes of this subdivision, the terms "farm" and "crops, livestock or livestock products" shall have the same meaning as "land used in agricultural production" and "crops, livestock and livestock products", respectively, as defined in section three hundred one of the agriculture and markets law, except that farmers with an average gross sales value of at least one thousand dollars per year of crops, livestock, and livestock products shall be eligible to register vehicles pursuant to this subdivision.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.