STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 15, 2023

Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- 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 allowing snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles to be registered as farm vehicles

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

Section 1. Section 2222 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 15 to read as follows:

15. Registration of snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles to be used as farm vehicles. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle may be registered as a motor vehicle in accordance with the provisions of subdivision thirteen of section four hundred one of this chapter, where the owner of such snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle has caused to be filed by mail or otherwise, with the commissioner or with any agent of the commissioner, an application for registration of such snowmobile or all-terrain 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 thirteen of section four hundred one of this chapter. The commissioner or agent shall make such investigation, as he or she shall determine necessary, and if satisfied that the snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle is to be operated exclusively as a motor vehicle as provided by subdivision thirteen of section four hundred one of this chapter shall, upon the payment of a fee of one dollar, assign to such snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle a distinctive number and issue and deliver to the applicant a set of number plates and a certificate of registration in such form as the commissioner shall prescribe, indicating the extent to which the snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle registered may be operated on the public highways and such snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle may be operated only as so indicated.

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

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§ 2. Section 2229 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 481 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2229. Snowmobile, not a motor vehicle. Notwithstanding its limited use on highways, a snowmobile shall not be determined a motor vehicle within the meaning of section one hundred twenty-five of this chapter or any other successor statutes**, except where a snowmobile is registered as a farm vehicle pursuant to subdivision fifteen of section twenty-two hundred twenty-two of this article**.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.