STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

September 2, 2026

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Santabarbara) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring the registration and visible identification of certain motorized recreational and personal mobility vehicles

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "motorized recreational vehicle identification and accountability act".

§ 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1229-e to read as follows:

§ 1229-e. Registration of certain motorized recreational and personal mobility vehicles for identification purposes. 1. For the purposes of this section, the term "covered motorized recreational and personal mobility vehicle" or "covered vehicle" shall include off-highway motorcycles, dirt bikes, motorized minibikes and high-powered electric vehicles that are not bicycles with electric assist.

2. All covered motorized recreational and personal mobility vehicles shall be registered with the department at the point of sale and shall be issued an identification plate or tag which shall be visibly displayed on such covered vehicle.

3. Any dealer or other commercial seller of any covered vehicle, including online sellers delivering covered vehicles into the state of New York, shall submit covered vehicle and purchaser information to the department for purposes of the registration required by this section prior to releasing a covered vehicle to a purchaser. Any private sale or other subsequent transfer of a covered vehicle shall also be reported to the department in order for the department to maintain a current ownership record of such covered vehicle.

4. No person shall remove, conceal, alter or fraudulently display an identification plate or tag required pursuant to this section, vehicle identification number or serial number of any covered vehicle. Law enforcement shall be authorized to impound any covered vehicle operated

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

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on public property without identification required by this section or with altered or fraudulent identification.

5. Registration of covered vehicles pursuant to this section shall be only for identification and accountability purposes. Such registration shall not authorize the operation of any covered vehicle on any public road or in any other location where such operation is otherwise prohibited.

6. The identification of a covered vehicle registered pursuant to this section by its visible identification plate or tag required by this section as a vehicle operated illegally on a public street, sidewalk or other public property shall not be sufficient evidence to establish that the registered owner of such covered vehicle was operating such covered vehicle. Such owner shall be provided notice that such covered vehicle was identified being operated illegally on a public street, sidewalk or other public property and an opportunity for a hearing to establish that such covered vehicle had been sold, stolen, misidentified or used without such owner's authorization.

7. The commissioner shall be authorized to adopt any regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

§ 3. Subdivision 6-a of section 2282 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by section 1 of part D of chapter 59 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

6-a. Registration at time of sale. Every all terrain vehicle defined by section twenty-two hundred eighty-one of this article sold by a dealer or other commercial seller of all terrain vehicles, including an online seller delivering all terrain vehicles into the state of New York, shall be registered at the time of sale of such vehicle prior to being released to the purchaser of such vehicle. Such registration shall be valid until the thirty-first day of August following the date of such sale; provided, however, that any all terrain vehicle sold after April first of each year shall be issued a registration valid until the thirty-first day of August in the year following that in which the all terrain vehicle is sold. Any all terrain vehicle purchased for use exclusively outside of the state of New York shall not require registration at the time of purchase, and the purchaser of such all terrain vehicle shall sign a declaration, provided by the dealer, which shall state that such purchaser understands the conditions under which an all terrain vehicle must be registered and the penalty for violation of such registration provisions. Each signed declaration shall be forwarded by the dealer to the commissioner. The form of such declaration shall be provided by the commissioner to each dealer. Any private sale or other subsequent transfer of an all terrain vehicle shall also be reported to the department in order for the department to maintain a current ownership record of such all terrain vehicle.

§ 4. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 2292 to read as follows:

§ 2292. Identification of illegally operated all terrain vehicle. The identification of an all terrain vehicle registered pursuant to the provisions of this article by its registration number as an all terrain vehicle operated illegally on a public street, sidewalk or other public property shall not be sufficient evidence to establish that the registered owner of such all terrain vehicle was operating such all terrain vehicle. Such owner shall be provided notice that such all terrain vehicle was identified being operated illegally on a public street, sidewalk or other public property and an opportunity for a hearing to establish

that such all terrain vehicle had been sold, stolen, misidentified or used without such owner's authorization.

§ 5. Subdivision 1 of section 2283 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 671 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

1. The registration number with indicia of registration assigned to an ATV shall be displayed on the vehicle at all times in such a manner as the commissioner may, by regulation, prescribe. **No person shall remove, conceal, alter or fraudulently display a registration number, vehicle identification number or serial number of any all terrain vehicle. Law enforcement shall be authorized to impound any all terrain vehicle operated on public property without such registration number or with altered or fraudulent identification.**

§ 6. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the commissioner of motor vehicles is authorized to promulgate any rule or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this act on or before such effective date.