STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- 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 authorizing certain persons to use an ATV to enter and exit certain lands during ice fishing season

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

Section 1. Section 2403 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

2-a. Public lands permitting ice fishing. During times when ice fishing is permitted and only on lands where snowmobile use is permitted by the department of environmental conservation, including wildlife management areas, state forests, forest preserves, and state parks, a person may operate an ATV to enter and exit such lands when such person is sixty-five years of age or older or has a mobility impairment that would otherwise prevent such person from ice fishing access without the use of such ATV, as determined by a physician. Such persons may utilize an ATV as the operator or passenger and shall restrict such usage to traveling to and from ice fishing locations.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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