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SENATE BILL **172**

AN ACT relative to the size limitations of off highway recreational vehicles.

SPONSORS: Sen. Woodburn, Dist 1; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Sanborn, Dist 9; Rep. Theberge, Coos 3; Rep. Chandler, Carr 1; Rep. Richardson, Coos 4

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the size limitations of off highway recreational vehicles including all terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles which are classified as off highway recreational vehicles.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

AN ACT relative to the size limitations of off highway recreational vehicles.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 33:1 Definition; All Terrain Vehicle. Amend RSA 215-A:1, I-b to read as follows:

2 I-b. "All terrain vehicle (ATV)" means any motor-driven vehicle which is designed or adapted
3 for travel over surfaces other than maintained roads with one or more **non-highway** tires [~~designed~~
4 ~~to hold not more than 10 pounds per square inch of air pressure~~], having capacity for passengers or
5 other payloads, not to exceed **unladen dry weight of** 1,000 pounds [~~net vehicle weight~~], and not to
6 exceed 50 inches in width. For the purposes of this chapter, all vehicles within this definition shall
7 be classified as off highway recreational vehicles.

8 33:2 Definition; Utility Terrain Vehicle. Amend RSA 215-A:1, XXIV to read as follows:

9 XXIV. "Utility terrain vehicle" means any mechanically propelled vehicle which is designed
10 or adapted for travel over surfaces other than maintained roads with one or more tires or tracks
11 equipped with a rollover protection system and/or safety belts, having capacity for passengers or
12 other payloads, not in excess of [~~1,700~~] **2,000** pounds [~~net vehicle~~] **unladen dry** weight, and not to
13 exceed [~~62~~] **65** inches in overall width, excluding side mirrors. For purposes of this chapter, "utility
14 terrain vehicle" shall include but not be limited to side-by-side, ROV, gator, buggy, and OHV and
15 abbreviated as UTV, and all vehicles within this definition shall be classified as off highway
16 recreational vehicles.

17 33:3 Trails on State Lands; Coos and Grafton Counties; OHRV Size. Amend the introductory
18 paragraph of RSA 215-A:43, IV to read as follows:

19 IV. No person shall operate an OHRV wider than 50 inches or over 1000 pounds on any
20 state-owned trails, except that no person shall operate an OHRV wider than [~~62~~] **65** inches or over
21 [~~1,700~~] **2,000** pounds **unladen dry weight** on:

22 33:4 Trails on State Lands; Jericho Mountain State Park; OHRV Size. Amend RSA 215-A:43,
23 VII(c) to read as follows:

24 (c) A person may operate an OHRV within Jericho Mountain state park which weighs up
25 to [~~1,700~~] **2,000** pounds **unladen dry weight** and is no wider than 65 inches on specifically
26 designated trails within Jericho Mountain state park, provided that, in addition, the bureau of trails
27 may permit operation of wider or heavier 4-wheel drive motor vehicles, as referenced in the Jericho
28 Mountain state park master development plan, registered as OHRVs, at specific times and on
29 specific trails.

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1 33:5 2016 Version; Trails on State Lands; Jericho Mountain State Park; OHRV Size. Amend
2 RSA 215-A:43, VII(c) to read as follows:

3 (c) A person may operate an OHRV within Jericho Mountain state park which weighs up
4 to [~~1,700~~] **2,000** pounds ***unladen dry weight*** and is no wider than 65 inches on specifically
5 designated trails within Jericho Mountain state park.

6 33:6 Effective Date.

7 I. Section 5 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2016 at 12:01 a.m.

8 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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10 Approved: May 7, 2015

11 Effective Date: I. Section 5 shall take effect January 1, 2016 at 12:01 a.m.

12 II. Remainder shall take effect May7, 2015