

# HOUSE BILL 632

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2015

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles – Penalty for**  
3 **Highway Use**

4 **PG 312-15**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the penalty for a person who is convicted of driving an  
6 unregistered vehicle on a highway while operating an off-highway recreational  
7 vehicle in Prince George's County; and generally relating to penalties for the  
8 highway use of off-highway recreational vehicles in Prince George's County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Transportation  
11 Section 11-140.1, 13-402(a)(1), and 27-101(a) and (b)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article – Transportation  
16 Section 27-101(ff)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 11-140.1.

23 (a) “Off-highway recreational vehicle” means a vehicle that is:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) A motor–assisted or motor–driven vehicle that:

2 (i) Is designed to carry only the operator of the vehicle on a seat or  
3 saddle designed to be straddled by the operator or is designed to carry only the operator of  
4 the vehicle and one passenger; and

5 (ii) Is commonly known as an all–terrain vehicle;

6 (2) A motorcycle that is designed for off–highway operation and is not  
7 eligible for registration as a Class D (motorcycle) vehicle under this article, commonly  
8 known as a dirt bike; or

9 (3) A snowmobile.

10 (b) “Off–highway recreational vehicle” does not include:

11 (1) A farm vehicle as defined in § 13–911 of this article when used  
12 exclusively on farm property by a farmer; or

13 (2) Any vehicle when used on residential property for the purpose of  
14 landscaping, gardening, or lawn care.

15 (c) The Administration may establish by regulation other requirements for or  
16 limitations on the definition of “off–highway recreational vehicle”.

17 13–402.

18 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or elsewhere in the  
19 Maryland Vehicle Law, each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer driven on  
20 a highway shall be registered under this subtitle.

21 27–101.

22 (a) It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of the  
23 Maryland Vehicle Law unless the violation:

24 (1) Is declared to be a felony by the Maryland Vehicle Law or by any other  
25 law of this State; or

26 (2) Is punishable by a civil penalty under the applicable provision of the  
27 Maryland Vehicle Law.

28 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person convicted of a  
29 misdemeanor for the violation of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law is  
30 subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

1           **(FF) A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF COMMITTING A VIOLATION OF §**  
2 **13-402(A)(1) OF THIS ARTICLE (“DRIVING UNREGISTERED VEHICLE ON HIGHWAY”)**  
3 **WHILE OPERATING AN OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN PRINCE**  
4 **GEORGE’S COUNTY IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF \$500.**

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2015.