

1 S.84

2 Introduced by Senators Rodgers and McAllister

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: All-terrain vehicles; State highways; operation

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize the
7 operation of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) along a State highway for limited
8 purposes, including connecting to a town highway that the legislative body of
9 the municipality has authorized to be open to ATV travel.

10 An act relating to operation of all-terrain vehicles along State highways

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 3506 is amended to read:

13 § 3506. OPERATION

14 (a) A person may only operate or permit an all-terrain vehicle owned by
15 him or under his or her control to be operated in accordance with this chapter.

16 (b) An all-terrain vehicle may not be operated:

17 (1) Along a public highway unless ~~it~~ at least one of the following
18 circumstances applies:

1 (A) The highway is not being maintained during the snow season ~~or~~
2 ~~unless the.~~

3 (B) The highway is a town highway that has been opened to
4 all-terrain vehicle travel by the selectboard or trustees or local governing body
5 and is so posted by the municipality ~~except an.~~

6 (C) Except as otherwise prohibited under subdivision (11) of this
7 subsection (b), the highway is a State highway that serves either of the
8 following purposes:

9 (i) It connects properties open to ATV travel, including a town
10 highway that has been opened to ATV travel. The operator may access
11 properties adjacent to the connecting State highway that offer food, fuel,
12 lodging, or repair services.

13 (ii) It provides access to the closest food, fuel, lodging, or repair
14 services that are available from property open to ATV travel.

15 (D) The all-terrain vehicle is being used for agricultural purposes
16 ~~may be~~ and is operated not closer than three feet from the traveled portion of
17 any highway for the purpose of traveling within the confines of the farm.

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19 (11) On limited access highways, ~~rights of way~~ rights-of-way, or
20 approaches unless permitted by the Traffic Committee under section 1004 of
21 this title. In no cases shall the use of all-terrain vehicles be permitted on any

1 portion of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways unless the
2 Traffic Committee permits operation on these highways.

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4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.