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9 Referred to Committee on

10 Date:

11 Subject: All-terrain vehicles; registration; reciprocity; operation; highways

12 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to:

13 (1) authorize all-terrain vehicles registered in another state or province to
14 enter and operate in Vermont to access the nearest food, fuel, repair, or other
15 essential services; and

16 (2) authorize a person to operate an all-terrain vehicle along a highway for
17 up to one mile in order to access the nearest food, fuel, repair, or other
18 essential services, provided the person operates at least three feet from the
19 traveled portion of any highway and yields to other users.

1 An act relating to all-terrain vehicle registration and operation

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

3 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 3502(e) is amended to read:

4 (e) An all-terrain vehicle owned by a person who is a resident of any other
5 state or province shall be deemed to be properly registered for the purposes of
6 this chapter if it is registered in accordance with the laws of the state or
7 province in which its owner resides, ~~but only to the extent~~ provided that a
8 similar exemption or privilege is granted under the laws of that state or
9 province for all-terrain vehicles registered in this state by a resident of this
10 state, or provided that the person enters and operates in this state solely to
11 travel to or from a place of public accommodation nearest to the person's point
12 of entry to obtain food, fuel, repair, or other essential services.

13 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 3506(b) is amended to read:

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

15 (1) Along a public highway unless:

16 (A) ~~if~~ the highway is not being maintained during the snow season; ~~or~~

17 (B) ~~unless~~ the highway has been opened to all-terrain vehicle travel

18 by the agency of transportation in the case of state highways, or by the

19 selectmen or trustees or local governing body in the case of town highways,

20 and is so posted by the agency or the municipality ~~except an;~~ or

1 (C) the all-terrain vehicle is being used for agricultural purposes ~~may~~
2 ~~be and for travel within the confines of the farm and it is operated not closer~~
3 ~~than three feet from the traveled portion of any highway for the purpose of~~
4 ~~traveling within the confines of the farm; or~~

5 (D) the operator is using the all-terrain vehicle for travel to or from a
6 place of public accommodation to access the nearest food, fuel, repair, or other
7 essential services, but only if the operator yields to other users of the
8 right-of-way, operates the all-terrain vehicle not closer than three feet from the
9 traveled portion of any highway, and travels a distance not to exceed one mile
10 to or from the place of public accommodation.

11 (2) Across a public highway unless:

12 (A) the crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to
13 the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a
14 quick and safe crossing; and

15 (B) the operator brings the all-terrain vehicle to a complete stop
16 before entering the travelled portion of the highway; and

17 (C) the operator yields the right-of-way to motor vehicles and
18 pedestrians using the highway; and

