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2 Introduced by Representatives Helm of Fair Haven, Beyor of Highgate,  
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4 Fair Haven, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City,  
5 Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Pearce of Richford, and  
6 Winters of Williamstown

7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: Conservation and development; fish and game; state lands; use of  
10 all-terrain vehicles by persons 65 years of age or older

11 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize the  
12 use of all-terrain vehicles by persons 65 years of age or older to hunt on state  
13 lands.

14 An act relating to use of all-terrain vehicles on state lands for purposes of  
15 hunting by persons 65 years of age or older

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

17 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 2613 is added to read:

18 § 2613. STATE LANDS; DESIGNATION OF TRAILS FOR USE BY  
19 PERSONS HUNTING WITH ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

1        (a) The Secretary shall authorize the use of all-terrain vehicles on trails on  
2 lands within the jurisdiction of the Agency of Natural Resources provided that:

3            (1) The trail is established and in use as of July 1, 2013.

4            (2) The trail is at least five feet in width.

5            (3) The all-terrain vehicle is operated only by a person who:

6                    (A) is 65 years of age or older;

7                    (B) possesses a valid Vermont hunting license under subsection  
8 4254(b) of this title; and

9                    (C) is hunting during an open season established by the Fish and  
10 Wildlife Board under section 4084 of this title.

11        (b) A trail under this section means any land used for hiking, walking,  
12 bicycling, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, or other similar activities and  
13 shall include log roads, fire roads, or any other land used for pedestrian or  
14 vehicular travel.

15        Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 4716 is added to read:

16        § 4716. USE OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE

17        Notwithstanding section 4705 of this title, a person who is 65 years of age  
18 or older may use an all-terrain vehicle to take game, provided that:

19            (1) The all-terrain vehicle is on a trail authorized for such use under  
20 section 2613 of this title.

21            (2) The all-terrain vehicle is at least 10 feet from a public highway.



1       Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

2       This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.