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4	Fair Haven, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City,		
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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 th		
12	use of all-terrain vehicles by persons 65 years of age or older to hunt on state		
13	lands.		
14 15	An act relating to use of all-terrain vehicles on state lands for purposes of 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		

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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	(3) The all-terrain vehicle is stationary when the person takes or
2	attempts to take the game by shooting a firearm, muzzle-loading firearm, or
3	bow and arrow.
4	(4) The all-terrain vehicle is registered pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 3052.
5	Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 3506 is amended to read:
6	§ 3506. OPERATION
7	(a) A person may only operate or permit an all-terrain vehicle owned by
8	him or her or under his or her control to be operated in accordance with this
9	chapter.
10	(b) An all-terrain vehicle may not be operated:
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12	(4) On any public land, body of public water; or natural area established
13	under the provisions of 10 V.S.A. § 2607 unless:
14	(A) the all-terrain vehicle is being operated on lands within the
15	jurisdiction of the Agency of Natural Resources as authorized under
16	10 V.S.A. § 2613; or
17	(B) The secretary the Secretary has designated the area for use by
18	all-terrain vehicles pursuant to rules promulgated under provisions of 3 V.S.A.
19	chapter 25.
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- 1 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2 <u>This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.</u>