
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VEHICLES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 286-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

3 "(a) All-terrain vehicles and utility-terrain vehicles may
4 be operated on a street, as defined in section 291C-1; provided
5 that the all-terrain vehicle or utility-terrain vehicle is:

6 (1) Used as farm equipment, or used by a city, county, or
7 state worker while acting within the scope of that
8 person's official duties;

9 (2) Operated by a person who holds a current category (3)
10 driver's license under section 286-102 or a commercial
11 driver's license under part XIII;

12 (3) Driven on streets [~~that are no more than two lanes,~~]
13 with posted speed limits of [~~no~~] not more than
14 [~~thirty-five~~] forty-five miles per hour;

15 (4) Used to travel between properties zoned for
16 agriculture, or used by a city, county, or state
17 worker while acting within the scope of that person's



1 official duties to travel between properties under the
2 jurisdiction of the city, county, or State;

3 (5) Used in counties with populations of less than five
4 hundred thousand residents; and

5 (6) Driven on streets during daylight hours; provided
6 further that all-terrain vehicles may be driven on
7 streets during evening and night hours only if
8 equipped with headlights and tail lights; provided
9 further that while in operation, any operator and
10 passenger of an all-terrain vehicle or utility-terrain
11 vehicle [~~shall~~] may wear a safety helmet with a
12 securely fastened chin strap that meets the
13 specifications and requirements established by rules
14 adopted by the director.

15 (b) For purposes of this section:

16 "All-terrain vehicle" means a motor vehicle that:

17 (1) Is designed for off-highway operation by a single
18 operator carrying no more than one passenger, if so
19 designed as provided in paragraph (5) of this
20 definition;

21 (2) Is fifty inches or less in width;



1 (3) Has an unladen weight of nine hundred pounds or less;

2 (4) Is suspended on three or more tires;

3 (5) Has a single seat designed to be straddled by the
4 operator, or a single seat designed to be straddled by
5 the operator and a seat for not more than one
6 passenger sitting behind the operator; and

7 (6) Has handlebars for steering control.

8 "Farm equipment" refers to any kind of machinery used on a
9 farm to help with farming, including but not limited to a
10 tractor, cultivator, plow, all-terrain vehicle, or utility-
11 terrain vehicle.

12 "Utility-terrain vehicle" means a motor vehicle that:

13 (1) Is designed to be operated off highway;

14 (2) Is sixty inches or less in width;

15 (3) Has an unladen weight of one thousand three hundred
16 pounds or less;

17 (4) Is suspended on four to six tires;

18 (5) Has a steering wheel for steering control;

19 (6) Is equipped with roll-over protection;



1 (7) Accommodates one driver and one passenger sitting
2 side-by-side[~~+~~], and up to six people in seat belts;
3 and

4 (8) Is equipped with seat belts for driver and passenger
5 protection."

6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

All-Terrain Vehicles; Highways; Drivers; Equipment

Description:

Allows all-terrain vehicle to drive on streets with posted speed limits of not more than 45 miles per hour. Allows all-terrain vehicles to drive in the evening and night if they are equipped with headlights and tail lights. Allows drivers of all-terrain vehicles to wear a safety helmet with a securely fastened chin strap. Includes in the definition of "utility-terrain vehicle" a motor vehicle that accommodates one driver and one passenger sitting side-by-side, and up to 6 people in seat belts. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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