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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Baltimore City - Regulation of All-Terrain Vehicles**
3 **~~-Prohibition in Urban Districts, Minibikes, Mopeds, and Off-the-Road~~**
4 **Motorcycles**

5 FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting the operation of an all-terrain vehicle in certain~~
6 ~~urban districts; defining the term "all-terrain vehicle"; establishing a certain~~
7 ~~penalty~~ authorizing Baltimore City to regulate the operation of all-terrain
8 vehicles, minibikes, mopeds, and off-the-road motorcycles within the
9 boundaries of Baltimore City; authorizing Baltimore City to require that certain
10 vehicles be registered and to impose a registration fee; defining certain terms;
11 making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the regulation of all-terrain
12 vehicles, minibikes, mopeds, and off-the-road motorcycles in Baltimore City.

13 BY adding to
14 Article - Transportation
15 Section ~~21-101(b-1) and 21-1123~~ 25-102.2
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

18 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
19 ~~Article - Transportation~~
20 ~~Section 21-101(a) and (v)~~
21 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
22 ~~(1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)~~

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
24 Article - Transportation

1 Section ~~27-101(e)~~ 25-102.1
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland
 3 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

4 BY adding to
 5 The Charter of Baltimore City
 6 Article II - General Powers
 7 Section (43A)
 8 (1996 Edition, as amended)

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
 10 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

11 **Article - Transportation**

12 ~~21-101.~~

13 (a) ~~In this title and Title 25 of this article the following words have the~~
 14 ~~meanings indicated.~~

15 25-102.1.

16 (a) (1) In this section, "off-the-road motorcycle" means a motorcycle not
 17 otherwise registered under this article.

18 (2) "Off-the-road motorcycle" includes motorcycles designed for
 19 off-the-road operation, motorcycles not otherwise eligible for registration under this
 20 article, and motorcycles commonly referred to as "dirt bikes".

21 (b) (1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO BALTIMORE CITY.

22 (2) Each county [and Baltimore City] may regulate the operation of
 23 off-the-road motorcycles, require [them] OFF-THE-ROAD MOTORCYCLES to be
 24 registered, and impose a registration fee [for them].

25 ~~(B-1)~~

26 25-102.2.

27 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
 28 INDICATED.

29 ~~(+)~~ (2) "ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE" MEANS A SELF-PROPELLED VEHICLE
 30 THAT:

31 (I) ~~+~~ IS NOT MORE THAN 50 INCHES WIDE;

32 ~~2-~~ (II) HAS A DRY WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 600
 33 POUNDS;

1 ~~21-1123.~~

2 A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE IN AN URBAN
3 DISTRICT.

4 ~~27-101.~~

5 (g) ~~Any person who is convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of §~~
6 ~~13-704 OR § 21-1123 of this article is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000.~~

7 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

8 **Article II - General Powers**

9 The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to
10 exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of
11 Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland;
12 and in particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by
13 ordinance, or such other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the
14 provisions of said Constitution and Public General Laws;

15 (43A) TO REGULATE ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, MINIBIKES, MOPEDS, AND
16 OFF-THE-ROAD MOTORCYCLES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF BALTIMORE CITY
17 UNDER § 25-102.2 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, ANNOTATED CODE OF
18 MARYLAND.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2000.