

SENATE BILL 566

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By: **Senator Brinkley**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for All-Terrain and Utility-Terrain**
3 **Vehicles**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing, under certain circumstances, the operation of certain
5 all-terrain and utility-terrain vehicles on highways without the vehicle being
6 registered under the Maryland Vehicle Law; requiring a person operating an
7 unregistered all-terrain or utility-terrain vehicle on a highway to maintain
8 certain evidence of liability insurance in the vehicle; prohibiting a person from
9 operating an unregistered all-terrain or utility-terrain vehicle on a highway for
10 which the posted maximum speed limit exceeds a certain limit; and generally
11 relating to the operation of unregistered all-terrain and utility-terrain vehicles
12 on highways in the State.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 13-402(a) and (b)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2012 Replacement Volume)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Transportation
20 Section 13-402(h-1)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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

25 **Article – Transportation**

26 13-402.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or elsewhere in the
2 Maryland Vehicle Law, each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer driven
3 on a highway shall be registered under this subtitle.

4 (2) If a motor vehicle required to be registered under this subtitle is
5 not registered, a person may not park the unregistered motor vehicle on any:

6 (i) Public alley, street, or highway; or

7 (ii) Private property used by the public in general, including
8 parking lots of shopping centers, condominiums, apartments, or town house
9 developments.

10 (3) The provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection do not apply to a
11 motor vehicle that is exempt from registration under this section or § 13-402.1 of this
12 subtitle.

13 (b) Except as otherwise expressly authorized in this title, the Administration
14 may not register or renew the registration of a vehicle unless the Administration has
15 issued to the owner a certificate of title of the vehicle or has received an application for
16 the certificate of title.

17 **(H-1) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN**
18 **ALL-TERRAIN OR A UTILITY-TERRAIN VEHICLE THAT IS OPERATED ON A**
19 **HIGHWAY NEED NOT BE REGISTERED IN THE STATE IF THE VEHICLE IS:**

20 **(I) OWNED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY**
21 **OR A PUBLIC SAFETY ENTITY;**

22 **(II) OPERATED IN THE COURSE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES OR**
23 **TRAINING BY AN OPERATOR APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR**
24 **PUBLIC SAFETY ENTITY; AND**

25 **(III) EQUIPPED WITH FRONT AND REAR LIGHTING AND AN**
26 **AUDIBLE HORN.**

27 **(2) A PERSON:**

28 **(I) SHALL MAINTAIN EVIDENCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE**
29 **IN AN ALL-TERRAIN OR UTILITY-TERRAIN VEHICLE BEING OPERATED ON A**
30 **HIGHWAY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

1 **(II) MAY NOT OPERATE AN UNREGISTERED ALL-TERRAIN**
2 **OR UTILITY-TERRAIN VEHICLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ON A HIGHWAY FOR**
3 **WHICH THE POSTED MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT EXCEEDS 50 MILES PER HOUR.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2013.