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By: **Senator Edwards**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Allegany County – All-Terrain Vehicles and Snowmobiles**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person in Allegany County from operating an all-terrain
4 vehicle or snowmobile on certain highways; authorizing a local authority in Allegany
5 County to authorize a person to cross a highway in a certain manner on an
6 all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile when operated under a certain speed; authorizing
7 a local authority in Allegany County to authorize the operation of a snowmobile or
8 an all-terrain vehicle on a certain portion of highway when operated under a certain
9 speed; authorizing a local authority in Allegany County to designate a certain portion
10 of highway on which an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile may travel under a
11 certain speed for certain purposes; and generally relating to all-terrain vehicles and
12 snowmobiles.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 21–104.1 and 25–102(a)(14)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 21–104.1.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) Any person operating an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile on any portion of
2 a highway designated for all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile use under § 25-102(a)(14) of
3 this article has all the rights granted to and is subject to all the duties required of the driver
4 of a vehicle by this title, except for those provisions of this title that by their very nature
5 cannot apply.

6 (b) In **ALLEGANY COUNTY AND** Garrett County a person may not operate an
7 all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile on a controlled access highway.

8 (c) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, in **ALLEGANY COUNTY**
9 **AND** Garrett County a person may operate an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile on a
10 State highway when crossing or traveling on the State highway in accordance with §
11 25-102(a)(14) of this article.

12 25-102.

13 (a) The provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law do not prevent a local authority,
14 in the reasonable exercise of its police power, from exercising the following powers as to
15 highways under its jurisdiction:

16 (14) (i) 1. Subject to item 2 of this item, except in **ALLEGANY**
17 **COUNTY AND** Garrett County, designating a certain portion of highways upon which
18 snowmobiles may travel for the sole purpose of gaining access to snowmobile trails; but

19 2. Designating only those highways which divide snowmobile
20 trails and which would otherwise obstruct direct access between snowmobile trails; and

21 (ii) In **ALLEGANY COUNTY AND** Garrett County:

22 1. Authorizing a person to:

23 A. Cross a highway on an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile
24 at a right angle at a speed of not more than 25 miles per hour; or

25 B. Operate an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile on not
26 more than 2 miles of highway at a speed of not more than 25 miles per hour; and

27 2. Designating a certain portion of highways upon which
28 all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles may travel at a speed of not more than 25 miles per
29 hour for the sole purpose of gaining access to:

30 A. Trails on which the operation of an all-terrain vehicle or
31 a snowmobile is authorized;

32 B. Fields; or

1 C. Another area where the operation of an all-terrain vehicle
2 or a snowmobile is authorized;

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2018.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.