

Chairman,

I am shocked once again by Maryland. It is already difficult to enjoy the legal use of an off highway vehicle for recreation in Maryland and requires us to go out of state 99% of the time. Now you are proposing more fees?

HB928's original intent was to curb the illegal use of Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) on public roads. However, this Bill does not address that problem. HB928 requires OHV owners to register their OHV with county and even municipal governments with the penalty of impoundment for failing to do so. Even if you keep your OHV purely on your own property, or locked away in a garage for a year, failure to comply with this law will result in vehicle confiscation. This law would be the first of its kind as no other vehicle type is required to be registered with a county. There is no county registration for boats, kayaks, cars, trucks, or jet ski's with local governments. There is only registration on a State Level.

If implemented in its current form, this bill would create a convoluted and hard to navigate fee system where OHV owners would be required to pay a state titling fee, an annual \$10 State DNR registration fee for use of public lands, then add on a county and or even a township annual fee. These local government fees have no legislative constraints. Causing users to spend money on exorbitant fees to continue to possess property they already legally own. Not only do these fees have no limit, they also do nothing to solve the problem. The collected fees do not go towards providing recreational opportunities to fund legal use of these vehicles. As such, I do not support this overreach and abuse of my targeted user group to support the general fund.

Sincerely,

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