
By: **Delegates Branch, C. Davis, Marriott, and Montague**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2000

Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - All-Terrain Vehicles - Prohibition in Urban Districts**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the operation of an all-terrain vehicle in certain
4 urban districts; defining the term "all-terrain vehicle"; establishing a certain
5 penalty; and generally relating to all-terrain vehicles.

6 BY adding to

7 Article - Transportation

8 Section 21-101(b-1) and 21-1123

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

12 Article - Transportation

13 Section 21-101(a) and (v)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

17 Article - Transportation

18 Section 27-101(g)

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article - Transportation**

24 21-101.

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

- 1 (B-1) (1) "ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE" MEANS A SELF-PROPELLED VEHICLE THAT:
- 2 (I) 1. IS NOT MORE THAN 50 INCHES WIDE;
- 3 2. HAS A DRY WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 600 POUNDS;
- 4 3. TRAVELS ON AT LEAST THREE LOW PRESSURE TIRES; AND
- 5 4. IS DESIGNED TO CARRY ONLY THE OPERATOR OF THE
- 6 VEHICLE ON A SEAT OR SADDLE DESIGNED TO BE STRADDLED BY THE OPERATOR;
- 7 (II) IS AN "OFF-THE-ROAD MOTORCYCLE" AS DEFINED IN § 25-102.1
- 8 OF THIS ARTICLE;
- 9 (III) IS A "MINIBIKE" AS DEFINED IN § 15-112 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR
- 10 (IV) IS A "MOPED" AS DEFINED IN § 11-134.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.
- 11 (2) "ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE" DOES NOT INCLUDE:
- 12 (I) A FARM VEHICLE AS DEFINED UNDER § 13-911 OF THIS
- 13 ARTICLE;
- 14 (II) A VEHICLE USED ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR THE
- 15 PURPOSE OF LANDSCAPING, GARDENING, OR LAWN CARE; OR
- 16 (III) A DEVICE USED BY A DISABLED INDIVIDUAL FOR MOBILITY
- 17 ASSISTANCE.
- 18 (v) "Urban district" means an area that:
- 19 (1) Adjoins and includes any street; and
- 20 (2) Is built up with structures that are:
- 21 (i) Devoted to business, industry, or dwelling houses; and
- 22 (ii) Situated at intervals of less than 100 feet, for a distance of at
- 23 least a quarter of a mile.
- 24 21-1123.
- 25 A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE IN AN URBAN
- 26 DISTRICT.
- 27 27-101.
- 28 (g) Any person who is convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of §
- 29 13-704 OR § 21-1123 of this article is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000.

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