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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - All-Terrain Vehicles - Local Regulation**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county or Baltimore City to regulate the operation
4 of all-terrain vehicles operated within the county or Baltimore City; authorizing
5 a county or Baltimore City to establish procedures and fees for all-terrain
6 vehicle registration; defining the term "all-terrain vehicle"; and generally
7 relating to the local regulation of all-terrain vehicles.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article - Transportation
10 Section 21-101(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

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

20 **Article - Transportation**

21 21-101.

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

24 (B-1) (1) "ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE" MEANS A SELF-PROPELLED VEHICLE THAT:

25 (I) 1. IS NOT MORE THAN 50 INCHES WIDE;

1 2. HAS A DRY WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 600 POUNDS;
2 3. TRAVELS ON AT LEAST THREE LOW PRESSURE TIRES; AND
3 4. IS DESIGNED TO CARRY ONLY THE OPERATOR OF THE
4 VEHICLE ON A SEAT OR SADDLE DESIGNED TO BE STRADDLED BY THE OPERATOR;

5 (II) IS A "MINIBIKE" AS DEFINED IN § 15-112 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

6 (III) IS A "MOPED" AS DEFINED IN § 11-134.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.

7 (2) "ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

8 (I) A FARM VEHICLE AS DEFINED UNDER § 13-911 OF THIS
9 ARTICLE;

10 (II) A VEHICLE USED ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR THE
11 PURPOSE OF LANDSCAPING, GARDENING, OR LAWN CARE; OR

12 (III) A DEVICE USED BY A DISABLED INDIVIDUAL FOR MOBILITY
13 ASSISTANCE.

14 25-102.2

15 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN
16 § 21-101(B-1) OF THIS ARTICLE.

17 (B) EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY MAY:

18 (1) REGULATE THE OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES WITHIN
19 THE COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY;

20 (2) REQUIRE ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES OPERATED WITHIN THE COUNTY
21 OR BALTIMORE CITY TO BE REGISTERED;

22 (3) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ALL-TERRAIN
23 VEHICLES; AND

24 (4) ESTABLISH AND COLLECT A FEE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF AN
25 ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE.

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