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House Bill 191 (Delegate Branch. *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

**Vehicle Laws - Baltimore City - Regulation of All-Terrain Vehicles - Minibikes,
Mopeds, and Off-the-Road Motorcycles**

This bill authorizes Baltimore City to regulate the operation of all-terrain vehicles, minibikes, mopeds, and off-the-road motorcycles within the boundaries of Baltimore City. Baltimore City may require such vehicles to be registered and may impose a registration fee.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential increase in Baltimore City revenue from registration fees and fines related to registration violations. The cost of regulation could be handled within the existing resources of Baltimore City.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill defines an all-terrain vehicle as a self-propelled vehicle that: (1) is not more than 50 inches wide; (2) has a dry weight of not more than 600 pounds; (3) travels on at least three low pressure tires; and (4) is designed to carry only the operator of the vehicle on a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by the operator.

Current Law: There are no provisions specifically governing the use of all-terrain vehicles. However, in order to operate any type of motorized vehicle on a roadway, it must be registered with the Motor Vehicle Administration. All-terrain vehicles are not otherwise

required to be registered. Further, each county and Baltimore City may regulate the operation of off-the-road motorcycles and may require such vehicles to be registered and may impose a registration fee.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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