

# HOUSE BILL 114

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By: **Delegates Kullen, Levy, Proctor, Stull, and Weldon**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **All-Terrain Vehicles – Protective Headgear**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual under a certain age from operating or  
4 riding on an all-terrain vehicle unless the individual is wearing protective  
5 headgear that meets certain standards; defining a certain term; and generally  
6 relating to required equipment for individuals operating or riding on all-terrain  
7 vehicles.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 24–1601 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 16. All-Terrain Vehicles”

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 **SUBTITLE 16. ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES.**

17 **24–1601.**

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE” MEANS A MOTOR  
19 VEHICLE THAT:

20 (1) IS DESIGNED TO TRAVEL OFF-HIGHWAY;

21 (2) IS DESIGNED TO TRAVEL ON THREE OR FOUR LOW-PRESSURE  
22 TIRES;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(3) HAS A SEAT DESIGNED TO BE STRADDLED BY THE OPERATOR;**

2 **AND**

3                   **(4) HAS HANDLEBARS FOR STEERING CONTROL.**

4                   **(B) AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS MAY NOT OPERATE**  
5 **OR RIDE ON AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS WEARING**  
6 **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR THAT MEETS THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE**  
7 **STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR FOR MOTORCYCLE HELMETS UNDER §**  
8 **21-1306 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.**

9                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2008.