

SENATE BILL 28

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SB 482/07 – JPR

(PRE-FILED)

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By: **Senator Forehand**

Requested: October 23, 2007

Introduced and read first time: January 9, 2008

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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 – Transportation

10 Section 21-1207.3

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2006 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 – Transportation**

16 **21-1207.3.**

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

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

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

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 **ADMINISTRATOR FOR MOTORCYCLE HELMETS UNDER § 21-1306 OF THIS TITLE.**

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