

SENATE BILL 80

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SB 547/09 – JPR

(PRE-FILED)

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By: **Senator Benson**

Requested: November 4, 2013

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2014

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 21-1207.3

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 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 MOTORIZED
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 **(4) HAS HANDLEBARS FOR STEERING CONTROL; AND**

3 **(5) IS INTENDED BY THE MANUFACTURER FOR USE BY A SINGLE**
4 **OPERATOR OR AN OPERATOR AND ONE PASSENGER.**

5 **(B) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT OPERATE OR RIDE ON AN ALL-TERRAIN**
6 **VEHICLE UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS WEARING PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR AND AN**
7 **EYE-PROTECTIVE DEVICE THAT MEET THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE**
8 **ADMINISTRATOR FOR MOTORCYCLE HELMETS AND EYE-PROTECTIVE DEVICES**
9 **UNDER § 21-1306 OF THIS TITLE.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2014.