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SENATE BILL DRS45574-NEf-113A

Short Title: ATV and UTV Titling/Mod. UTV Revisions.

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Sponsors: Senator Jarvis (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A  
3 CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY VEHICLES,  
4 INCREASING THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLES, AND  
5 EXPANDING THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS ON WHICH A MODIFIED UTILITY  
6 VEHICLE MAY BE LEGALLY OPERATED.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 SECTION 1. Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
9 a new section to read:

10 "**§ 20-53.6. Titling of all-terrain vehicles and utility vehicles.**

11 Any owner of an all-terrain vehicle, modified utility vehicle, or utility vehicle may apply to  
12 the Division for a certificate of title by completing an application on a form provided by the  
13 Division and paying the fee established under G.S. 20-85(a)(1). The application form shall  
14 require, at a minimum, the following:

15 (1) The owner's name.

16 (2) The owner's mailing address and residence address.

17 (3) The owner's drivers license number, which shall be provided as authorized by  
18 G.S. 20-52(a)(1a)b.

19 (4) A description of the vehicle, including the make and model."

20 SECTION 2. G.S. 20-54 reads as rewritten:

21 "**§ 20-54. Authority for refusing registration or certificate of title.**

22 The Division shall refuse registration or issuance of a certificate of title or any transfer of  
23 registration upon any of the following grounds:

24 ...

25 (8) The vehicle is a golf cart or utility vehicle cart. If the vehicle is an all-terrain  
26 vehicle or utility vehicle, the Division shall refuse registration or any transfer  
27 of registration but shall issue a certificate of title as provided by G.S. 20-53.6.

28 ...."

29 SECTION 3. G.S. 20-87 reads as rewritten:

30 "**§ 20-87. Passenger vehicle registration fees.**

31 These fees shall be paid to the Division annually for the registration and licensing of  
32 passenger vehicles, according to the following classifications and schedules:

33 ...

34 (12) Low-Speed Vehicles, Mini-Trucks, and Modified Utility Vehicles. – The fee  
35 for a low-speed vehicle, mini-truck, or modified utility vehicle is the same as  
36 the fee for private passenger vehicles of not more than 15 passengers.



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1                   However, the fee for any low-speed vehicle, mini-truck, or modified utility  
2                   vehicle that is offered for rent shall be the same as the fee for a U-drive-it  
3                   automobile. An additional fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) is imposed on a  
4                   modified utility vehicle in addition to any other required registration fees.

5                   ...."

6                   **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-121.1 reads as rewritten:

7                   "**§ 20-121.1. Operation of a low-speed vehicle, mini-truck, or modified utility vehicle on**  
8                   **certain roadways.**

9                   The operation of a low-speed vehicle, mini-truck, or modified utility vehicle is authorized  
10                  with the following restrictions:

11                  (1) A low-speed vehicle may be operated only on streets and highways where the  
12                  posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. A mini-truck or modified utility  
13                  vehicle may be operated only on streets and highways where the posted speed  
14                  limit is 55 miles per hour or less; ~~provided, a modified utility vehicle may not~~  
15                  ~~be operated on any street or highway having four or more travel lanes unless~~  
16                  ~~the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less.~~ This subdivision does not  
17                  prohibit a low-speed vehicle, mini-truck, or modified utility vehicle from  
18                  crossing a road or street at an intersection where the road or street being  
19                  crossed has a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

20                  ...."

21                  **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2022, and applies to registrations  
22                  or certificates of title issued on or after that date.