

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2021

S

1

SENATE BILL 893

Short Title: ATV and UTV Titling/Mod. UTV Revisions. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jarvis (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 27, 2022

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

(1) The owner's name.

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

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

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

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

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

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

...

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

...."

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

"§ 20-87. Passenger vehicle registration fees.

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

...

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



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.