

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

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SENATE BILL

By: Senator Altes

Filed with: Arkansas Legislative Council
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION OF MINI-TRUCKS;
PROVIDING FOR OPERATION OF MINI-TRUCKS ON
ROADWAYS OF THIS STATE; EXCLUDING MINI-TRUCKS
FROM THE DEFINITION OF "ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE"; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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MINI-TRUCKS; FOR OPERATION OF MINI-
TRUCKS ON ROADWAYS OF THIS STATE; AND
EXCLUDING MINI-TRUCKS FROM THE
DEFINITION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Title 27 is amended to add an additional chapter to read as follows:

Chapter 25 – Mini-trucks

27-25-101. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Mini-truck" means a foreign manufactured import or domestic manufactured vehicle that:

(A) Is powered by an internal combustion engine with a piston or rotor displacement of one thousand cubic centimeters (1,000 cc)

1 or less;

2 (B) Is sixty-seven inches (67") or less in width;

3 (C) Has an unladen dry weight of three thousand four
4 hundred pounds (3,400 lbs.) or less;

5 (D) Travels on four (4) or more tires;

6 (E) Has a top speed of approximately fifty-five miles
7 per hour (55 mph);

8 (F) Is equipped with a bed or compartment for
9 hauling; and

10 (G) Has an enclosed passenger cab; and

11 (2)(A) "Roadways of this state" means the part of the street,
12 road, or highway, including the improved road shoulder, that is open to
13 vehicular traffic and that is maintained by the State of Arkansas or by a
14 political subdivision of the state.

15 (B) "Roadways of this state" does not include any federal
16 highway.

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18 27-25-102. Registration.

19 (a) A mini-truck shall be registered and titled in accordance with the
20 provisions of the Uniform Motor Vehicle Administration, Certificate of Title,
21 and Antitheft Act, § 27-14-101 et seq.

22 (b) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration has
23 the authority to promulgate rules for the titling and registration of mini-
24 trucks.

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26 27-25-103. Operation on roadways of this state.

27 (a) A mini-truck that has been titled and registered under the Uniform
28 Motor Vehicle Administration, Certificate of Title, and Antitheft Act, § 27-
29 14-101 et seq., may be operated on the roadways of this state.

30 (b) A mini-truck shall not be permitted to travel upon any highway in
31 this state that is a federal highway.

32 (c) An operator of a mini-truck shall comply with all traffic
33 regulations and rules of conduct for the operation of a motor vehicle on the
34 roadways of this state as provided by law.

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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-21-102 is amended to read as follows:

1 27-21-102. Definitions.

2 As used in this chapter:

3 (1)(A) "All-terrain vehicle" means every three-wheeled, four-wheeled,
4 or six-wheeled vehicle seventy-five inches (75") or less in width, equipped
5 with low pressure tires designed primarily for off-road recreational use and
6 having an engine displacement of no more than one thousand cubic centimeters
7 (1,000 cc).

8 (B) The term "all-terrain vehicle" shall not include any
9 golf cart, riding lawnmower, or lawn or garden tractor.

10 (C) The term "all-terrain vehicle" shall not include a mini-
11 truck as defined at §27-25-101(1);

12 (2) "Low pressure tire" means a pneumatic tire six inches (6") or more
13 in width designed for use on a wheel with a rim diameter of twelve inches
14 (12") or less and utilizing an operating pressure of ten pounds per square
15 inch (10 psi) or less as recommended by the vehicle manufacturer; and

16 (3) "Public streets and highways" means the part of the street, road,
17 or highway, including the improved road shoulder, which is open to vehicular
18 traffic and which is maintained by the state or by a political subdivision of
19 the State of Arkansas, and includes any federal highways.