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**A Bill**

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SENATE BILL

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6 By: Senator Altes

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8 Filed with: Senate Committee on Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs  
9 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

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11 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

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

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18 **Subtitle**

19 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION OF  
20 MINI-TRUCKS; FOR OPERATION OF MINI-  
21 TRUCKS ON ROADWAYS OF THIS STATE; AND  
22 EXCLUDING MINI-TRUCKS FROM THE  
23 DEFINITION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE.

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

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

30 Chapter 25 – Mini-trucks

31 27-25-101. Definitions.

32 As used in this chapter:

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

35 (A) Is powered by an internal combustion engine with  
36 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-  
4 wheeled, or six-wheeled vehicle seventy-five inches (75") or less in width,  
5 equipped with low pressure tires designed primarily for off-road recreational  
6 use and having an engine displacement of no more than one thousand cubic  
7 centimeters (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  
11 mini-truck as defined at §27-25-101(1);

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

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