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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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11 AN ACT TO ALLOW AN ON-DUTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR  
12 A PERSON PERFORMING AN OFFICIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
13 FUNCTION TO OPERATE AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ON A  
14 PUBLIC STREET OR HIGHWAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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19 OFFICER OR A PERSON PERFORMING AN  
20 OFFICIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNCTION TO  
21 OPERATE AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ON A  
22 PUBLIC STREET OR HIGHWAY.  
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-21-106(a), concerning the operation of  
29 all-terrain vehicles on public streets and highways, is amended to read as  
30 follows:

31 (a) It ~~shall be~~ is unlawful for any person to operate an all-terrain  
32 vehicle ~~upon~~ on the public streets and highways of this state,  
33 ~~notwithstanding the fact that~~ even if the vehicle ~~may~~ otherwise ~~meet~~ meets  
34 the equipment standards ~~as set forth in~~ of § 27-20-104, except under the  
35 following conditions and circumstances:

36 (1) ~~An~~ A person may operate an all-terrain vehicle ~~may be~~



1 ~~operated upon~~ on the public streets and highways ~~where~~ if the vehicle is:

2                   (A) ~~used~~ Used in farming or hunting operations; and

3                   (B) ~~must be operated~~ Operated on the public streets and  
4 highways in order to get from one (1) field to another;

5                   (2)(A) An all-terrain vehicle may be operated upon the public  
6 streets or highways if the:

7                           (i) ~~vehicle~~ Vehicle needs to make a direct crossing  
8 of the street or highway to get from one (1) area to another; and

9                           (ii) ~~if the vehicle~~ Vehicle:

10                                   (a) ~~comes~~ Comes to a complete stop; and

11                                   (b) ~~yields~~ Yields the right-of-way to all  
12 oncoming traffic that constitutes an immediate hazard; and

13                                   (c) ~~crosses~~ Crosses the street or highway at  
14 an angle of approximately ninety degrees (90°) to the direction of the street  
15 or highway.

16                   (B)(i) In crossing divided highways, the crossing may ~~only~~  
17 be made only at an intersection of the highway with another public street or  
18 highway.

19                           (ii) In crossings made between the hours from one-  
20 half (½) hour after sunset to one-half (½) hour before sunrise or in  
21 conditions of reduced visibility, the crossing may ~~only~~ be made only with  
22 both front and rear lights turned on; ~~and~~

23                   (3)(A) A person who has lost one (1) or both legs above the  
24 ankle or who otherwise has a serious walking handicap shall be permitted to  
25 operate a three-wheeled, four-wheeled, or six-wheeled all-terrain vehicle as  
26 a means of transportation ~~upon~~ on any of the following:

27                           (i) A nonhard surfaced road;

28                           (ii) The shoulders of all state and federal  
29 highways, except as provided under subdivision (a)(3)(E) of this section; or

30                           (iii) Public streets and roads when traveling on the  
31 public street or road is the most reasonable route of access available to him  
32 or her from one (1) off-road trail to another off-road trail or from his or  
33 her private property to an off-road trail.

34                   (B) An all-terrain vehicle used as provided under  
35 subdivision (a)(3)(A) of this section by a person who has a serious walking  
36 handicap shall be equipped with a red flag at least six inches (6") wide and

1 twelve inches (12") long on a pole or staff extending at least thirty-six  
2 inches (36") above the level of the seat.

3 (C) For the purposes of this subdivision (a)(3), "serious  
4 walking handicap" means any walking handicap certified as serious by a  
5 licensed physician.

6 (D) A person operating an all-terrain vehicle as provided  
7 under subdivision (a)(3)(A) of this section shall carry on his or her person  
8 or on the vehicle the physician's certificate certifying that the person has  
9 a serious walking handicap.

10 (E) A person operating an all-terrain vehicle as provided  
11 under subdivision (a)(3)(A) of this section shall not operate the all-terrain  
12 vehicle on any part of the federal interstate highway system or on fully-  
13 controlled access highways; and

14 (4) An on-duty law enforcement officer or a person performing an  
15 official law enforcement function may operate an all-terrain vehicle on  
16 public streets and highways.

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