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1	OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND
2	STREET-LEGAL ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE
3	REVISIONS
4	2010 GENERAL SESSION
5	STATE OF UTAH
6	Chief Sponsor: Michael E. Noel
7	Senate Sponsor: Ralph Okerlund
8 9	LONG TITLE
10	General Description:
11	This bill modifies the Traffic Code, Off-highway Vehicles Code, and the Motor and
12	Special Fuel Tax Act by amending provisions relating to off-highway vehicles.
13	Highlighted Provisions:
14	This bill:
15	repeals the requirement that a street-legal all-terrain vehicle only be operated on a
16	highway with one lane in each direction;
17	 provides that a street-legal all-terrain vehicle may not be operated on an interstate
18	freeway or a limited access highway;
19	 provides that an all-terrain type II vehicle is eligible for an off-highway implement
20	of husbandry sticker;
21	 provides that an off-highway vehicle accident shall be reported in accordance with
22	the motor vehicle accident reporting requirements;
23	 provides that an off-highway vehicle owned and operated by a state government
24	agency is exempt from the non-resident permit requirements if the operation within
25	the state is within the course and scope of the duties of the agency;
26	 repeals the sunset on the refund of the motor fuel tax revenues that are deposited
27	into the Off-highway Vehicle Account; and
28	 makes technical changes.

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Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

30	None
31	Other Special Clauses:
32	None
33	Utah Code Sections Affected:
34	AMENDS:
35	41-6a-1509, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 311
36	41-22-5.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1999, Chapter 217
37	41-22-10.6 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 2
38	41-22-35 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
39	59-13-201 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
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41	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
42	Section 1. Section 41-6a-1509 is amended to read:
43	41-6a-1509. Street-legal all-terrain vehicle Operation on highways
44	Registration and licensing requirements Equipment requirements.
45	(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), an all-terrain type I or utility type
46	vehicle that meets the requirements of this section may be operated as a street-legal ATV on a
47	street or highway [that is a highway with one lane in each direction] unless the highway is an
48	interstate freeway or a limited access highway as defined in Section 41-6a-102.
49	(b) Unless a street or highway is designated as open for street-legal ATV use by the
50	controlling highway authority in accordance with Section 41-22-10.5, a person may not
51	operate a street-legal ATV on a street or highway in accordance with Subsection (1)(a) if the
52	highway is under the jurisdiction of:
53	(i) a county of the first class;
54	(ii) a municipality that is within a county of the first class; or
55	(iii) a municipality with a population of 7,500 or more people.
56	(2) A street-legal ATV shall comply with the same requirements as:
57	(a) a motorcycle for:

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58	(i) traffic rules under Title 41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code;
59	(ii) registration, titling, odometer statement, vehicle identification, license plates, and
60	registration fees under Title 41, Chapter 1a, Motor Vehicle Act;
61	(iii) fees in lieu of property taxes or in lieu fees under Section 59-2-405.2; and
62	(iv) the county motor vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance programs under
63	Section 41-6a-1642;
64	(b) a motor vehicle for:
65	(i) driver licensing under Title 53, Chapter 3, Uniform Driver License Act;
66	(ii) motor vehicle insurance under Title 41, Chapter 12a, Financial Responsibility of
67	Motor Vehicle Owners and Operators Act; and
68	(iii) safety inspection requirements under Title 53, Chapter 8, Part 2, Motor Vehicle
69	Safety Inspection Act, except that a street-legal ATV shall be subject to a safety inspection
70	when registered for the first time; and
71	(c) an all-terrain type I or type II vehicle for off-highway vehicle provisions under Title
72	41, Chapter 22, Off-Highway Vehicles, and Title 41, Chapter 3, Motor Vehicle Business
73	Regulation Act, unless otherwise specified in this section.
74	(3) A street-legal ATV shall be equipped with:
75	(a) one or more headlamps that meet the requirements of Section 41-6a-1603;
76	(b) one or more tail lamps;
77	(c) a tail lamp or other lamp constructed and placed to illuminate the registration plate
78	with a white light;
79	(d) one or more red reflectors on the rear;
80	(e) one or more stop lamps on the rear;
81	(f) amber or red electric turn signals, one on each side of the front and rear;
82	(g) a braking system, other than a parking brake, that meets the requirements of
83	Section 41-6a-1623;
84	(h) a horn or other warning device that meets the requirements of Section 41-6a-1625;
85	(i) a muffler and emission control system that meets the requirements of Section

86	41-6a-1626;
87	(j) rearview mirrors on the right and left side of the driver in accordance with Section
88	41-6a-1627;
89	(k) a windshield, unless the operator wears eye protection while operating the vehicle;
90	(l) a speedometer, illuminated for nighttime operation;
91	(m) for vehicles designed by the manufacturer for carrying one or more passengers, a
92	seat designed for passengers, including a footrest and handhold for each passenger;
93	(n) for vehicles with side-by-side seating, seatbelts for each vehicle occupant; and
94	(o) tires that:
95	(i) do not exceed 26 inches in height;
96	(ii) are not larger than the tires that the all-terrain vehicle manufacturer made available
97	for the all-terrain vehicle model; and
98	(iii) have at least 2/32 inches or greater tire tread.
99	(4) (a) Subject to the requirement in Subsection (4)(b), an operator of a street-legal
100	all-terrain vehicle, when operating a street-legal all-terrain vehicle on a highway in accordance
101	with this section, may not exceed the lesser of:
102	(i) the posted speed limit; or
103	(ii) 45 miles per hour.
104	(b) An operator of a street-legal all-terrain vehicle, when operating a street-legal
105	all-terrain vehicle on a highway with a posted speed limit higher than 45 miles per hour, shall:
106	(i) operate the street-legal all-terrain vehicle on the extreme right hand side of the
107	roadway; and
108	(ii) shall equip the street-legal all-terrain vehicle with a reflector or reflective tape.
109	(5) (a) A nonresident operator of an off-highway vehicle that is authorized to be
110	operated on the highways of another state has the same rights and privileges as a street-legal
111	ATV that is granted operating privileges on the highways of this state, subject to the
112	restrictions under this section and rules made by the Board of Parks and Recreation, if the
113	other state offers reciprocal operating privileges to Utah residents.

114	(b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
115	the Board of Parks and Recreation shall establish eligibility requirements for reciprocal
116	operating privileges for nonresident users granted under Subsection (5)(a).
117	(6) Nothing in this chapter shall restrict the operation of an off-highway vehicle in
118	accordance with Section 41-22-10.5.
119	Section 2. Section 41-22-5.5 is amended to read:
120	41-22-5.5. Off-highway husbandry vehicles.
121	(1) (a) (i) The owner of an all-terrain type I vehicle, motorcycle, all-terrain type II
122	vehicle, or snowmobile used for agricultural purposes may apply to the Motor Vehicle
123	Division for an off-highway implement of husbandry sticker.
124	(ii) Each application <u>under Subsection (1)(a)(i)</u> shall be accompanied by:
125	(A) evidence of ownership[-;];
126	(B) a title[;] or a manufacturer's certificate of origin[;]; and
127	(C) a signed statement certifying that the off-highway vehicle is used for agricultural
128	purposes.
129	(iii) The owner shall receive an off-highway implement of husbandry sticker upon
130	production of:
131	(A) the documents required [above] under this Subsection (1); and
132	(B) payment of an off-highway implement of husbandry sticker fee established by the
133	board not to exceed \$10.
134	(b) If the vehicle is also used for recreational purposes on public lands, trails, streets,
135	or highways, it shall also be registered under Section 41-22-3.
136	(c) The off-highway implement of husbandry sticker shall be displayed in a manner
137	prescribed by the board and shall identify the all-terrain type I vehicle, motorcycle, or
138	snowmobile as an off-highway implement of husbandry.
139	(2) The off-highway implement of husbandry sticker is valid only for the life of the
140	ownership of the all-terrain type I vehicle, motorcycle, or snowmobile and is not transferable.

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(3) The off-highway implement of husbandry sticker is valid for an all-terrain type I

142	vehicle, motorcycle, or snowmobile which is being operated adjacent to a roadway:
143	(a) when the all-terrain type I vehicle, motorcycle, or snowmobile is only being used to
144	travel from one parcel of land owned or operated by the owner of the vehicle to another parcel
145	of land owned or operated by the owner; and
146	(b) when this operation is necessary for the furtherance of agricultural purposes.
147	(4) If the operation of an off-highway implement of husbandry adjacent to a roadway
148	is impractical, it may be operated on the roadway if the operator exercises due care towards
149	conventional motor vehicle traffic.
150	(5) It is unlawful to operate an off-highway implement of husbandry along, across, or
151	within the boundaries of an interstate freeway.
152	Section 3. Section 41-22-10.6 is amended to read:
153	41-22-10.6. Requiring compliance with traffic laws.
154	(1) Any person operating an off-highway vehicle is subject to the provisions of Title
155	41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code, unless specifically excluded.
156	(2) An off-highway vehicle accident shall be reported in accordance with the
157	requirements of Section 41-6a-402.
158	Section 4. Section 41-22-35 is amended to read:
159	41-22-35. Off-highway vehicle user fee Decal Agents Penalty for
160	fraudulent issuance of decal Deposit and use of fee revenue.
161	(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), any nonresident owning an
162	off-highway vehicle who operates or gives another person permission to operate the
163	off-highway vehicle on any public land, trail, street, or highway in this state shall:
164	(i) apply for an off-highway vehicle decal issued exclusively for an off-highway
165	vehicle owned by a nonresident of the state;
166	(ii) pay an annual off-highway vehicle user fee; and
167	(iii) provide evidence that:
168	(A) the person is a nonresident; and
169	(B) the person is the owner of the off-highway vehicle.

170	(b) The provisions of Subsection (1)(a) do not apply to an off-highway vehicle if the
171	off-highway vehicle is:
172	(i) registered in another state that offers reciprocal operating privileges to Utah
173	residents under rules made by the board; [or]
174	(ii) used exclusively for the purposes of a scheduled competitive event sponsored by a
175	public or private entity or another event sponsored by a governmental entity under rules made
176	by the board[-]; or
177	(iii) owned and operated by a state government agency and the operation of the
178	off-highway vehicle within the boundaries of the state is within the course and scope of the
179	duties of the agency.
180	(2) The off-highway vehicle user fee is \$30.
181	(3) Upon compliance with the provisions of Subsection (1)(a), the nonresident shall:
182	(a) receive a nonresident off-highway vehicle user decal indicating compliance with
183	the provisions of Subsection (1)(a); and
184	(b) display the decal on the off-highway vehicle in accordance with rules made by the
185	board.
186	(4) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
187	the board shall make rules establishing:
188	(a) procedures for:
189	(i) the payment of off-highway vehicle user fees; and
190	(ii) the display of a decal on an off-highway vehicle as required under Subsection
191	(3)(b);
192	(b) acceptable evidence indicating compliance with Subsection (1);
193	(c) eligibility requirements for reciprocal operating privileges for nonresident users;
194	and
195	(d) eligibility for scheduled competitive events or other events under Subsection
196	(1)(b)(ii).
197	(5) (a) An off-highway vehicle user decal may be issued and the off-highway vehicle

user fee may be collected by the division or agents of the division.

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199	(b) An agent shall retain 10% of all off-highway vehicle user fees collected.
200	(c) The division may require agents to obtain a bond in a reasonable amount.
201	(d) On or before the tenth day of each month, each agent shall:
202	(i) report all sales to the division; and
203	(ii) submit all off-highway vehicle user fees collected less the remuneration provided
204	in Subsection (5)(b).
205	(e) (i) If an agent fails to pay the amount due, the division may assess a penalty of
206	20% of the amount due.
207	(ii) Delinquent payments shall bear interest at the rate of 1% per month.
208	(iii) If the amount due is not paid because of bad faith or fraud, the division shall
209	assess a penalty of 100% of the total amount due together with interest.
210	(f) All fees collected by an agent, except the remuneration provided in Subsection
211	(5)(b), shall:
212	(i) be kept separate and apart from the private funds of the agent; and
213	(ii) belong to the state.
214	(g) An agent may not issue an off-highway vehicle user decal to any person unless the
215	person furnishes evidence of compliance with the provisions of Subsection (1)(a).
216	(h) A violation of any provision of this Subsection (5) is a class B misdemeanor and
217	may be cause for revocation of the agent authorization.
218	(6) Revenue generated by off-highway vehicle user fees shall be deposited in the
219	Off-highway Vehicle Account created in Section 41-22-19.
220	Section 5. Section 59-13-201 is amended to read:
221	59-13-201. Rate Tax basis Exemptions Revenue deposited in the
222	Transportation Fund Restricted account for boating uses Refunds Reduction of
223	tax in limited circumstances.
224	(1) (a) Subject to the provisions of this section, a tax is imposed at the rate of 24-1/2
225	cents per gallon upon all motor fuel that is sold, used, or received for sale or used in this state.

(b) In lieu of the tax imposed under Subsection (1)(a) and subject to the provisions of this section, a tax is imposed at the rate of 3/19 of the rate imposed under Subsection (1)(a), rounded up to the nearest penny, upon all motor fuels that meet the definition of clean fuel in Section 59-13-102 and are sold, used, or received for sale or use in this state.

- (2) Any increase or decrease in tax rate applies to motor fuel that is imported to the state or sold at refineries in the state on or after the effective date of the rate change.
 - (3) (a) No motor fuel tax is imposed upon:

- (i) motor fuel that is brought into and sold in this state in original packages as purely interstate commerce sales;
- (ii) motor fuel that is exported from this state if proof of actual exportation on forms prescribed by the commission is made within 180 days after exportation;
- (iii) motor fuel or components of motor fuel that is sold and used in this state and distilled from coal, oil shale, rock asphalt, bituminous sand, or solid hydrocarbons located in this state; or
- (iv) motor fuel that is sold to the United States government, this state, or the political subdivisions of this state.
- (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission shall make rules governing the procedures for administering the tax exemption provided under Subsection (3)(a)(iv).
- (4) The commission may either collect no tax on motor fuel exported from the state or, upon application, refund the tax paid.
- (5) (a) All revenue received by the commission under this part shall be deposited daily with the state treasurer and credited to the Transportation Fund.
- (b) An appropriation from the Transportation Fund shall be made to the commission to cover expenses incurred in the administration and enforcement of this part and the collection of the motor fuel tax.
- (6) (a) The commission shall determine what amount of motor fuel tax revenue is received from the sale or use of motor fuel used in motorboats registered under the provisions

of the State Boating Act, and this amount shall be deposited in a restricted revenue account in the General Fund of the state.

(b) The funds from this account shall be used for the construction, improvement, operation, and maintenance of state-owned boating facilities and for the payment of the costs

(7) (a) The United States government or any of its instrumentalities, this state, or a political subdivision of this state that has purchased motor fuel from a licensed distributor or from a retail dealer of motor fuel and has paid the tax on the motor fuel as provided in this section is entitled to a refund of the tax and may file with the commission for a quarterly refund.

and expenses of the Division of Parks and Recreation in administering and enforcing the State

- 265 (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, 266 the commission shall make rules governing the application and refund provided for in 267 Subsection (7)(a).
 - (8) (a) The commission shall refund annually into the Off-Highway Vehicle Account in the General Fund an amount equal to the lesser of the following:
 - (i) .5% of the motor fuel tax revenues collected under this section; or
- 271 (ii) \$1,050,000.

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- (b) This amount shall be used as provided in Section 41-22-19.
- [(c) This Subsection (8) sunsets on July 1, 2010.]
- 274 (9) (a) Beginning on April 1, 2001, a tax imposed under this section on motor fuel that 275 is sold, used, or received for sale or use in this state is reduced to the extent provided in 276 Subsection (9)(b) if:
 - (i) a tax imposed on the basis of the sale, use, or receipt for sale or use of the motor fuel is paid to the Navajo Nation;
 - (ii) the tax described in Subsection (9)(a)(i) is imposed without regard to whether or not the person required to pay the tax is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation; and
- 281 (iii) the commission and the Navajo Nation execute and maintain an agreement as

282	provided in this Subsection (9) for the administration of the reduction of tax.
283	(b) (i) If but for Subsection (9)(a) the motor fuel is subject to a tax imposed by this
284	section:
285	(A) the state shall be paid the difference described in Subsection (9)(b)(ii) if that
286	difference is greater than \$0; and
287	(B) a person may not require the state to provide a refund, a credit, or similar tax relies
288	if the difference described in Subsection (9)(b)(ii) is less than or equal to \$0.
289	(ii) The difference described in Subsection (9)(b)(i) is equal to the difference between
290	(A) the amount of tax imposed on the motor fuel by this section; less
291	(B) the tax imposed and collected by the Navajo Nation on the motor fuel.
292	(c) For purposes of Subsections (9)(a) and (b), the tax paid to the Navajo Nation under
293	a tax imposed by the Navajo Nation on the basis of the sale, use, or receipt for sale or use of
294	motor fuel does not include any interest or penalties a taxpayer may be required to pay to the
295	Navajo Nation.
296	(d) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
297	the commission shall make rules governing the procedures for administering the reduction of
298	tax provided under this Subsection (9).
299	(e) The agreement required under Subsection (9)(a):
300	(i) may not:
301	(A) authorize the state to impose a tax in addition to a tax imposed under this chapter;
302	(B) provide a reduction of taxes greater than or different from the reduction described
303	in this Subsection (9); or
304	(C) affect the power of the state to establish rates of taxation;
305	(ii) shall:
306	(A) be in writing;
307	(B) be signed by:
308	(I) the chair of the commission or the chair's designee; and
309	(II) a person designated by the Navajo Nation that may bind the Navajo Nation;

310	(C) be conditioned on obtaining any approval required by federal law;
311	(D) state the effective date of the agreement; and
312	(E) state any accommodation the Navajo Nation makes related to the construction and
313	maintenance of state highways and other infrastructure within the Utah portion of the Navajo
314	Nation; and
315	(iii) may:
316	(A) notwithstanding Section 59-1-403, authorize the commission to disclose to the
317	Navajo Nation information that is:
318	(I) contained in a document filed with the commission; and
319	(II) related to the tax imposed under this section;
320	(B) provide for maintaining records by the commission or the Navajo Nation; or
321	(C) provide for inspections or audits of distributors, carriers, or retailers located or
322	doing business within the Utah portion of the Navajo Nation.
323	(f) (i) If, on or after April 1, 2001, the Navajo Nation changes the tax rate of a tax
324	imposed on motor fuel, any change in the reduction of taxes under this Subsection (9) as a
325	result of the change in the tax rate is not effective until the first day of the calendar quarter
326	after a 60-day period beginning on the date the commission receives notice:
327	(A) from the Navajo Nation; and
328	(B) meeting the requirements of Subsection (9)(f)(ii).
329	(ii) The notice described in Subsection (9)(f)(i) shall state:
330	(A) that the Navajo Nation has changed or will change the tax rate of a tax imposed on
331	motor fuel;
332	(B) the effective date of the rate change of the tax described in Subsection
333	(9)(f)(ii)(A); and
334	(C) the new rate of the tax described in Subsection (9)(f)(ii)(A).
335	(g) If the agreement required by Subsection (9)(a) terminates, a reduction of tax is not
336	permitted under this Subsection (9) beginning on the first day of the calendar quarter after a
337	30-day period beginning on the day the agreement terminates.

338 (h) If there is a conflict between this Subsection (9) and the agreement required by 339 Subsection (9)(a), this Subsection (9) governs.