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HOUSE BILL 617  
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PROPOSED SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H617-PCS11146-RK-111

Short Title: Disabled Sportsmen/ATV Exception.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 17, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES TO BE USED BY DISABLED  
3 SPORTSMEN TO CROSS PUBLIC ROADWAYS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Part 10C of Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is  
6 amended by adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 20-171.26. Motorized all-terrain vehicle use by disabled sportsmen.**

8 (a) Persons qualified under the Disabled Sportsmen Program, pursuant to G.S. 113-296,  
9 are authorized to transverse public roadways using an all-terrain vehicle while engaging in  
10 licensed hunting or fishing activities. Use of the all-terrain vehicle shall be limited to driving  
11 across the roadway, in a perpendicular fashion, without travel in either direction along the  
12 roadway.

13 (b) This Part and all other State laws governing the operation of all-terrain vehicles  
14 apply to the operation of all-terrain vehicles authorized by this section.

15 (c) An all-terrain vehicle operated pursuant to this section shall be equipped with  
16 operable front and rear lights and a horn.

17 (d) A person operating an all-terrain vehicle pursuant to this section shall observe  
18 posted speed limits and shall not exceed the manufacturer's recommended speed for the vehicle.

19 (e) A person operating an all-terrain vehicle pursuant to this section shall carry  
20 evidence of membership in the Disabled Sportsmen Program and the appropriate license to  
21 engage in the hunting or fishing activity."

22 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

