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H.B. No. 2553

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the registration and operation of certain off-highway vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 29.001, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 29.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "off-highway vehicle" means:

(1) an all-terrain vehicle, as defined by Section 663.001, Transportation Code;

(2) an off-highway motorcycle; ~~and~~

(3) a recreational off-highway vehicle that:

(A) is equipped with a non-straddle seat for the use of:

(i) the rider; and

(ii) a passenger, if the vehicle is designed by the manufacturer to transport a passenger;

(B) is designed to propel itself with four or more tires in contact with the ground;

(C) is designed by the manufacturer for off-highway use by the operator only; and

(D) is not designed by the manufacturer primarily for farming or lawn care; and

(4) any other motorized vehicle used for off-highway

1 recreation on:

2 (A) public land over which the department has  
3 authority or on land purchased or leased by the department; or

4 (B) land acquired or developed under a grant made  
5 under Section 29.008 or any other grant program operated or  
6 administered by the department.

7 SECTION 2. Section 502.001(1), Transportation Code, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (1) "All-terrain vehicle" means a motor vehicle that  
10 is:

11 (A) equipped with a saddle[~~, bench, or bucket~~  
12 ~~seats~~] for the use of:

13 (i) the rider; and

14 (ii) a passenger, if the motor vehicle is  
15 designed by the manufacturer to transport a passenger;

16 (B) designed to propel itself with three or more  
17 tires in contact with the ground;

18 (C) designed by the manufacturer for off-highway  
19 use; and

20 (D) not designed by the manufacturer primarily  
21 for farming or lawn care.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.