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off-highway vehicles; weight

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CHAPTER 221

SENATE BILL 1517

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-2156, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING LAWS 2022, CHAPTER 148, SECTION 1, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2024, CHAPTER 76, SECTION 1; RELATING TO OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-2156, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-2156. Temporary general use registration; definition

5 A. In lieu of permanent registration, the department may issue a
6 temporary general use registration that allows a person to operate a
7 vehicle for ~~no~~ NOT more than thirty days.

8 B. The director may authorize issuance of this temporary
9 registration if EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

10 1. The person does not qualify for registration under section
11 28-2154 or 28-2292 or article 10 of this chapter.

12 2. THE PERSON IS A NONRESIDENT WHO OWNS AN OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE THAT
13 IS TITLED IN ANOTHER STATE AND OTHERWISE MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER
14 3, ARTICLE 20 OF THIS TITLE.

15 C. A person operating a vehicle with a temporary general use
16 registration shall comply with the mandatory motor vehicle insurance
17 requirements of this state prescribed in chapter 9, article 4 of this
18 title.

19 D. The department shall prescribe the content and form of the
20 temporary general use registration application. The owner or operator of
21 the vehicle shall display the temporary general use registration so that
22 it is clearly visible from outside the vehicle.

23 E. The registering officer shall not issue more than one temporary
24 general use registration for a vehicle in a ~~twelve-month~~ TWELVE-MONTH
25 period. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON WHO OWNS AN
26 OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE THAT IS TITLED IN ANOTHER STATE AND OTHERWISE MEETS
27 THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 20 OF THIS TITLE.

28 F. At the time of application for a temporary general use
29 registration, the applicant shall submit for inspection proper evidence of
30 ownership or authorized possession of the vehicle.

31 G. The fee for the temporary general use registration is as
32 prescribed in section 28-2003. The registering officer shall deposit ~~one~~
33 ~~dollar~~ \$1 of the fee in the county assessor's special registration fund
34 established by section 28-2005 if the assessor is the registering officer
35 or in the state highway fund established by section 28-6991 if the
36 director is the registering officer.

37 H. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE" MEANS AN
38 OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE THAT SATISFIES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

39 1. IS DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR RECREATIONAL NONHIGHWAY ALL-TERRAIN
40 TRAVEL.

41 2. IS NOT MORE THAN EIGHTY INCHES IN WIDTH.

42 3. HAS AN UNLADEN WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED
43 POUNDS.

44 4. TRAVELS ON FOUR OR MORE NON-HIGHWAY TIRES.

45 5. HAS A STEERING WHEEL FOR STEERING CONTROL.

1 6. HAS A ROLLOVER PROTECTIVE STRUCTURE.

2 7. HAS AN OCCUPANT RETENTION SYSTEM.

3 Sec. 2. Laws 2022, chapter 148, section 1, as amended by Laws 2024,
4 chapter 76, section 1, is amended to read:

5 Section 1. Arizona off-highway vehicle study committee;
6 membership; duties; report; delayed repeal

7 A. The Arizona off-highway vehicle study committee is established
8 consisting of the following members:

9 1. Two members of the senate who are appointed by the president of
10 the senate and who are members of different political parties. The
11 president of the senate shall designate one of these members to serve as
12 cochairperson of the committee.

13 2. Two members of the house of representatives who are appointed by
14 the speaker of the house of representatives and who are members of
15 different political parties. The speaker of the house of representatives
16 shall designate one of these members to serve as cochairperson of the
17 committee.

18 3. The director of the Arizona game and fish department or the
19 director's designee.

20 4. The director of the department of transportation or the
21 director's designee.

22 5. The director of the Arizona state parks board or the director's
23 designee.

24 6. The commissioner of the state land department or the
25 commissioner's designee.

26 7. One law enforcement officer who enforces off-highway vehicle
27 laws and who is appointed by the governor.

28 8. One representative of an organization representing hunting or
29 fishing or a similar outdoor sports activity in this state who is
30 appointed by the governor.

31 9. Two members who represent an off-highway vehicle organization or
32 recreational group in this state. One member shall be appointed by the
33 president of the senate and one member shall be appointed by the speaker
34 of the house of representatives.

35 10. One representative of an off-highway vehicle rental company in
36 this state who is appointed by the president of the senate.

37 11. One representative of an off-highway vehicle manufacturer or
38 retailer in this state who is appointed by the speaker of the house of
39 representatives.

40 12. One representative of the farming and agriculture industry in
41 this state who is appointed by the governor.

42 13. Two members of the public who are knowledgeable about outdoor
43 recreation issues in this state and about trails used by off-highway
44 vehicle operators. The president of the senate shall appoint these

1 members. One of the members shall represent holders of federal grazing
2 permits or other land use permits.

3 B. Appointed members serve at the pleasure of the person who made
4 the appointment.

5 C. Committee members are not eligible to receive compensation, but
6 members who are appointed by the governor are eligible for reimbursement
7 of expenses under title 38, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised
8 Statutes.

9 D. The committee shall:

10 1. Meet to collect and study information from the public and
11 stakeholders regarding off-highway vehicle issues in this state.

12 2. On or before January 1 of each year, submit a report regarding
13 the committee's activities and recommendations for administrative or
14 legislative action to the governor, the president of the senate and the
15 speaker of the house of representatives and provide a copy of this report
16 to the secretary of state.

17 E. This section is repealed from and after May 31, ~~2025~~ 2027.

18 Sec. 3. Retroactivity

19 Laws 2022, chapter 148, section 1, as amended by Laws 2024, chapter
20 76, section 1 and this act, applies retroactively to from and after May
21 31, 2025.

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