

HB 174 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **174**

AN ACT increasing the maximum weight of a utility terrain vehicle to 3,500 pounds unladen dry weight.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ouellet, Coos 3; Rep. Cole, Hills. 26; Rep. A. Davis, Coos 2; Rep. Dunn, Rock. 16; Rep. Durkin, Coos 1; Rep. Lascelles, Hills. 14; Rep. Michael. Murphy, Coos 6; Rep. Korzen, Coos 7

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

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ANALYSIS

This bill changes the weight maximum of a utility terrain vehicle, and thus the weight of an OHRV, from 2,000 pounds unladen dry weight to 3,500 pounds unladen dry weight.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

AN ACT                    increasing the maximum weight of a utility terrain vehicle to 3,500 pounds unladen dry weight.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 Utility Terrain Vehicle; Maximum Weight. Amend RSA 215-A:1, XXIV to read as follows:

2            XXIV. "Utility terrain vehicle" means any mechanically propelled vehicle which is designed  
3 or adapted for travel over surfaces other than maintained roads with one or more tires or tracks  
4 equipped with a rollover protection system and/or safety belts, having capacity for passengers or  
5 other payloads, not in excess of [~~2,000~~] **3,500** pounds unladen dry weight, and not to exceed 65 inches  
6 in overall width, excluding side mirrors. For purposes of this chapter, "utility terrain vehicle" shall  
7 include but not be limited to side-by-side, ROV, gator, buggy, and OHV and abbreviated as UTV, and  
8 all vehicles within this definition shall be classified as off highway recreational vehicles.

9            2 OHRV Weight On Certain Trails. Amend the introductory language of RSA 215-A:43, IV to  
10 read as follows:

11            IV. No person shall operate an OHRV wider than 50 inches or over 1000 pounds on any  
12 state-owned trails, except that no person shall operate an OHRV wider than 65 inches or over  
13 [~~2,000~~] **3,500** pounds unladen dry weight on:

14            3 OHRV Weight; Jericho Mountain State Park. Amend RSA 215-A:43, VII(c) to read as follows:

15            (c) A person may operate an OHRV within Jericho Mountain state park which weighs up  
16 to [~~2,000~~] **3,500** pounds unladen dry weight and is no wider than 65 inches on specifically designated  
17 trails within Jericho Mountain state park, provided that, in addition, the bureau of trails may  
18 permit operation of wider or heavier 4-wheel drive motor vehicles, as referenced in the Jericho  
19 Mountain state park master development plan, registered as OHRVs, at specific times and on  
20 specific trails.

21            4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.