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HOUSE BILL ***1494***

AN ACT relative to OHRVs.

SPONSORS: Rep. E. Kelley, Coos 7

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the definition of OHRV clubs as well as vehicle registration requirements for other off-road vehicles and the distribution fees and grant-in aid funds.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

AN ACT relative to OHRVs.

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

200:1 Agricultural/Industrial Utility Vehicles; Registration. Amend RSA 261:41-a, I to read as follows:

I. An agricultural/industrial utility vehicle, as defined in RSA 259:2-a, if operated upon a way shall be registered as provided in RSA 261:141, III(dd). ***To be eligible for the issuance of an agricultural/industrial utility vehicle registration to be operated on a way, the applicant shall sign the following form which the treasurer of a city or such other official as the city government may designate or the town clerk shall provide. This form shall be provided to the applicant upon request without further evidence from the applicant that the plate shall be used for purposes of this section.***

I, the undersigned, fully understand the limitations concerning the use of agricultural/industrial utility vehicles registered under RSA 261:41-a, and hereby certify that my vehicle will be used only for agricultural/industrial utility vehicle purposes and uses incidental thereto, as defined in RSA 259:2-a.

Signed

Date:

Copies to:

Town or City Clerk

200:2 Snowmobiles; Event Calendar and Fee Distribution. Amend RSA 215-C:50, I to read as follows:

I. Any person, organization, or corporation who wishes to operate or to promote any snowmobile or OHRV event or contest involving the use of unregistered snowmobiles and OHRVs shall procure a permit from the executive director. The application for the permit shall be on an annual basis, shall include a listing of scheduled events, and shall be accompanied by an annual fee of $50. Participants in an event or contest shall not be required to register in New Hampshire, but shall operate under the provisions of the permit. Any such participant who is not registered in New Hampshire shall not operate away from the race course or contest area specified in the permit. ***The department shall maintain a public calendar of approved events.*** Distribution of any fees collected under this section shall be [~~as follows:~~]***appropriated to fund the public calendar of these events, or the department of fish and game for the purposes specified in either RSA 215-C:39, IX or RSA 215-A:23, VIII.***

~~[(a) The first $35 shall be appropriated to the department of natural and cultural resources for the administration of the bureau, and shall be used by the bureau for its grant-in-aid program pursuant to RSA 215-C:39, VII.~~

~~(b) From the balance, $7.50 shall be appropriated to the department of natural and cultural resources for administration of the bureau for the purposes listed in RSA 215-C:39, VIII or RSA 215-A:23,~~

~~VII, and $7.50 shall be appropriated to the department of fish and game for the purposes specified in RSA 215-C:39, IX or RSA 215-A:23, VIII.~~]

200:3 Off Highway Recreational Vehicles and Trails; Events. Amend RSA 215-A:30, I to read as follows:

I. Any person, organization or corporation who wishes to operate or to promote any snow traveling vehicle or OHRV or snowmobile event or contest involving the use of unregistered snowmobiles or unregistered OHRVs shall procure a permit from the executive director. The application for the permit shall be on an annual basis, shall include a listing of scheduled events and shall be accompanied by an annual fee of $50. Participants in an event or contest shall not be required to register in New Hampshire, but shall operate under the provisions of the permit. [~~Any such participant who is not registered in New Hampshire shall not operate away from the race course or contest area specified in the permit. Distribution of any fees collected under this section shall be as follows:~~

~~(a) The first $35 shall be appropriated to the department of natural and cultural resources for the administration of the bureau, and shall be used by the bureau for its grant-in-aid program pursuant to RSA 215-A:23, VI and RSA 215-C:39, VII.~~

~~(b) From the balance, $7.50 shall be appropriated to the department of natural and cultural resources for administration of the bureau for the purposes listed in RSA 215-A:23, VII, RSA 215-C:39, VIII and $7.50 shall be appropriated to the department of fish and game for the purposes specified in RSA 215-A:23, VIII and RSA 215-C:39, IX.~~] *The department shall maintain a public calendar of approved events. Distribution of any fees collected under this section shall be appropriated to fund the public calendar of these events, or the department of fish and game for the purposes specified in either RSA 215-C:39, IX or RSA 215-A:23, VIII.*

200:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

Approved: July 12, 2024
Effective Date: January 01, 2025