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AN ACT

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, further 2 providing for short title of chapter, for definitions, for 3 restricted account, for registration of dealers, for registration or snowmobile or ATV, for limited registration 5 snowmobile or ATV, for certificate of title for snowmobile or 6 ATV, for transfer to or from dealer, for transfer of snowmobile or ATV by operation of law, for issuance of new 7 8 certificate following transfer, for suspension and 9 cancellation of certificate of title, for application for 10 certificate of title by agent, for perfection of security 11 interest in a snowmobile or ATV, for satisfaction of security 12 interest, for release of security interest, for assignment by 13 secured party of security interest, for snowmobile or ATV 14 15 purchased from dealer, for fees, for records, for snowmobile and ATV Advisory Committee, for operation on streets and 16 highways, for designation of snowmobile or ATV roads, for 17 special snowmobile or ATV events, for operation on private or 18 State property, for operation by persons under age sixteen, 19 20 for operation in safe manner, for additional limitations on operation, for accidents and accident reports, for liability 21 of owner for negligence, for liability insurance, for head 22 lamps and tail lamps, for brakes, for mufflers and noise 23 control, for enforcement personnel and procedures and for 24 penalties for violation of chapter; and making editorial 25 26 changes.

- 27 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 28 hereby enacts as follows:
- 29 Section 1. The heading of Chapter 77 of Title 75 of the
- 30 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

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- 2 SNOWMOBILES [AND], ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND OFF-HIGHWAY
- 3 MOTORCYCLES
- 4 Section 2. Section 7701 of Title 75 is amended to read:
- 5 § 7701. Short title of chapter.
- 6 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the
- 7 Snowmobile [and], All-Terrain Vehicle and Off-Highway Motorcycle
- 8 Law.
- 9 Section 3. The definition of "all-terrain vehicle" or "ATV"
- 10 in section 7702 of Title 75 is amended and the section is
- 11 amended by adding a definition to read:
- 12 § 7702. Definitions.
- 13 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
- 14 shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the
- 15 meanings given to them in this section:
- 16 "All-terrain vehicle" or "ATV." A motorized off-highway
- 17 vehicle which travels on three or more off-highway tires and
- 18 which has:
- 19 (1) a maximum width of 50 inches and a maximum dry
- weight of 1,200 pounds; or
- 21 (2) a width which exceeds 50 inches or a dry weight
- which exceeds 1,200 pounds.
- 23 ATV's described in paragraph (1) may be referred to as Class I
- 24 ATV's, and ATV's described in paragraph (2) may be referred to
- 25 as Class II ATV's. This term does not include snowmobiles,
- 26 [trail bikes,] off-highway motorcycles, motorboats, golf carts,
- 27 aircraft, dune buggies, automobiles, construction machines,
- 28 trucks or home utility machines; military, fire, emergency and
- 29 law enforcement vehicles; implements of husbandry; multipurpose
- 30 agricultural vehicles; vehicles used by the department; or any

- 1 vehicle that is or is required to be registered under Chapter 13
- 2 (relating to registration of vehicles). In addition, this term
- 3 does not include off-road motor vehicles used exclusively as
- 4 utility vehicles for agricultural or business operations and
- 5 incidentally operated or moved upon the highway.
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- 7 <u>"Off-highway motorcycle" or "OHM." A motor vehicle that</u>
- 8 meets all of the following criteria:
- 9 (1) The motor vehicle is for use off the roads and
- 10 highways of this Commonwealth.
- 11 (2) The motor vehicle has a seat or saddle for the use
- of the rider.
- 13 (3) The motor vehicle is designed to travel with not
- 14 more than two wheels in contact with the ground.
- 15 * * *
- 16 Section 4. Sections 7706(a)(1) and (2) and (b)(1) and (3),
- 17 7711(a) and (e) introductory paragraph, (3) and (4), 7711.1(a)
- 18 introductory paragraph, (1), (2) and (4), (b) introductory
- 19 paragraph, (1) and (2), (d), (2) and (f), (1), (2), (3) and (4),
- 20 7711.2 heading, (a) introductory paragraph and (2), (b) and (d),
- 21 7712.1 heading, (a), (b), (c), (d), (g), (h)(2) and (3) and (j),
- 22 7712.2(a), (b), (c) introductory paragraph and (d), 7712.3
- 23 heading, (a) and (c), 7712.5(c), 7712.6(a) and (b), 7712.7(a)
- 24 and (c), 7712.8 heading, (a), (b) and (c), 7712.9(a) and (b),
- 25 7712.10, 7712.12(a), 7712.13, 7715.1 heading and (a), 7715.2(a)
- 26 (5) and (b) introductory paragraph, 7716(1) and (2), 7717
- 27 heading, (a), (b), (e)(1) and (2) and (f), 7721(a), (b)
- 28 introductory paragraph and (c) introductory paragraph and (2),
- 29 7722 heading, (a) and (c), 7723, 7724(a) and (b)(1) and (2)(i)
- 30 and (ii) (B) and (C) are amended to read:

- 1 § 7706. Restricted account.
- 2 (a) Deposit and use of moneys.--
- 3 (1) The department shall deposit the following into a restricted account, which is hereby established:
- (i) all moneys received from the registration of and issuance of certificates of title for snowmobiles [and],

 ATV's and OHM's and from the issuance of vintage snowmobile permits;
 - (ii) all revenue from the sale of any publications or services relating to snowmobiles and ATV's; and
 - (iii) all fines, penalties, fees and costs assessed and collected as a result of enforcement activities conducted by the department's law enforcement personnel under this chapter.
- 15 The department shall draw moneys from the restricted 16 account for use in performing any activities necessary to 17 carry out the purposes of this chapter, including registration and certificate of title activities, training, 18 19 education, enforcement activities, construction and 20 maintenance of snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM trails and 21 acquisition of equipment, supplies and interests in land. All 22 moneys deposited in this account shall remain in it to be 23 used as specified in this section.

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- 25 (b) Grant-in-aid.--The department shall, upon written 26 application and subsequent approval, grant money from the
- 28 (1) To municipalities and profit and nonprofit
 29 organizations in connection with snowmobile [and], ATV and
 30 OHM use on lands [not owned by the Commonwealth] for the

- 1 following:
- 2 (i) Plans, specifications and engineering surveys.
- 3 (ii) Fees and costs related to the preparation or 4 performance of right-of-way lease agreements.
- 5 (iii) Land acquisition.
- 6 (iv) Construction, maintenance and rehabilitation of 7 trails and other facilities for snowmobiles [and], ATV's 8 and OHM's.
- 9 * * *
- 10 (3) To profit and nonprofit organizations for the
 11 maintenance and rehabilitation, but not the construction, of
 12 snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM trails on land owned by the
- 14 * * *

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15 § 7711. Registration of dealers.

Commonwealth.

- 16 (a) General rule. -- A person who is in the business of
- 17 selling snowmobiles [or], ATV's or OHM's in this Commonwealth
- 18 shall register with the department as a dealer. A person who is
- 19 in the business of selling snowmobiles [or], ATV's or OHM's
- 20 outside this Commonwealth may register with the department as a
- 21 dealer.
- 22 * * *
- 23 (e) Use of dealer registration plates. -- A dealer may operate
- 24 or permit to be operated within this Commonwealth a snowmobile
- 25 [or], ATV or OHM owned by or in the possession of the dealer if:
- 26 * * *
- 27 (3) There is displayed on the snowmobile [or], ATV <u>or</u>
- 28 OHM in a manner prescribed by the department a valid dealer
- 29 registration plate issued to the dealer under this section
- 30 (4) The snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM is operated only for

- 1 the purpose of demonstration or testing in connection with
- 2 the dealer's business.
- 3 § 7711.1. Registration of snowmobile or ATV.
- 4 (a) General rule. -- Except as otherwise provided in
- 5 subsection (f), it is unlawful for a person to operate or for an
- 6 owner to permit another person to operate a snowmobile [or], an
- 7 ATV or OHM unless:
- 8 (1) There is carried on the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM
- 9 a valid registration certificate issued therefor pursuant to
- 10 subsection (b).
- 11 (2) There is displayed on the snowmobile a registration
- decal, or on the ATV <u>or OHM</u> a registration plate, issued
- therefor pursuant to subsection (b).
- 14 * * *
- 15 (4) There is displayed on the snowmobile [or] ATV or
- 16 OHM a valid expiration sticker issued therefor pursuant to
- 17 subsection (b).
- 18 * * *
- 19 (b) Issuance. -- Upon receipt of an application therefor upon
- 20 a form prescribed and furnished by the department which shall
- 21 contain information reasonably required by the department and
- 22 which shall be accompanied by the required fee, the department
- 23 shall issue to the owner of a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM:
- 24 (1) A biennial registration certificate containing the
- registration number for the snowmobile [or] $_{\perp}$ ATV or OHM and
- 26 the expiration date of the registration.
- 27 (2) A registration decal displaying the registration
- number for a snowmobile or a registration plate displaying
- the registration number for an ATV or OHM.
- 30 * * *

1 (d) Expiration of registration.--

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3 Upon transfer of ownership of a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM during a registration period, the registration 4 certificate and expiration sticker shall expire. The 5 transferor shall, within 15 days from the date of transfer, 6 7 return to the department the registration certificate with 8 the date of transfer and the name and address of the new 9 owner endorsed on the back. If the transferor applies for registration of a different snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM and 10 11 pays the required transfer fee, the transferor may be issued 12 in the name of the transferor a registration certificate and 13 expiration sticker for that snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM for 14 the remainder of the registration period without payment of a 15 registration fee. The registration decal or plate shall not 16 be removed from a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM upon transfer 17 to the new owner and is invalid until the new owner is issued 18 a registration certificate or limited registration 19 certificate for the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM.

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- 21 (f) Exemptions from registration.—Subsection (a) does not 22 apply if:
- 23 (1) The snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM is owned by or in
 24 the possession of a dealer who has been issued a dealer
 25 registration certificate, dealer registration plates and
 26 dealer plate registration cards under section 7711 (relating
 27 to registration of dealers), the dealer is in compliance with
 28 section 7711 and the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM is used in
 29 accordance with section 7711.
- 30 (2) The snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM is owned and used by

- 1 the United States or another state or a political subdivision
- thereof, in which case the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM shall
- display the name of the owner in a manner prescribed by the
- 4 department.
- 5 (3) The snowmobile [or] ATV is operated on land owned
- or leased by the owner or operator of the snowmobile [or],
- 7 ATV or OHM and it is not operated elsewhere within this
- 8 Commonwealth.
- 9 (4) The owner of the snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM is not
- 10 a resident of this Commonwealth and the operator presents
- proof that the snowmobile [or]_ ATV or OHM has been properly
- registered in another jurisdiction that exempts from its
- registration requirements persons who have obtained proper
- 14 registration under this chapter.
- 15 * * *
- 16 § 7711.2. Limited registration of snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM.
- 17 (a) General rule. -- It is unlawful for a person to operate or
- 18 for an owner to permit another person to operate a snowmobile
- 19 [or], ATV or OHM identified in section 7711.1(f)(3) (relating to
- 20 registration of snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM) unless:
- 21 * * *
- 22 (2) There is displayed on the snowmobile a valid
- registration decal or on the ATV or OHM a valid registration
- plate issued pursuant to subsection (b).
- 25 * * *
- 26 (b) Issuance. -- Upon receipt of an application therefor upon
- 27 a form prescribed and furnished by the department which shall
- 28 contain information reasonably required by the department, the
- 29 department shall issue to the owner of a snowmobile [or] ATV, or
- 30 OHM for which limited registration is required under subsection

- 1 (a):
- 2 (1) A limited registration certificate containing the
- 3 registration number for the snowmobile [or]_ ATV or OHM.
- 4 (2) A registration decal displaying the registration
- 5 number for a snowmobile or a registration plate displaying
- 6 the registration number for an ATV or OHM.
- 7 * * *
- 8 (d) Transfer of ownership. -- Upon transfer of ownership of a
- 9 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM for which a limited registration
- 10 certificate has been issued, the limited registration
- 11 certificate shall become invalid. The transferor shall, within
- 12 15 days from the date of transfer, return to the department the
- 13 limited registration certificate with the date of transfer and
- 14 the name and address of the new owner endorsed on the back. The
- 15 registration decal or plate shall not be removed from the
- 16 snowmobile [or] ATV, or OHM upon transfer to the new owner and
- 17 is invalid until the new owner obtains a registration
- 18 certificate or limited registration certificate for the
- 19 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM.
- 20 * * *
- 21 § 7712.1. Certificate of title for snowmobile or ATV.
- 22 (a) General rule. -- Except as otherwise provided in
- 23 subsection (b), an owner of a snowmobile [or]_ ATV or OHM which
- 24 is in this Commonwealth and for which no certificate of title
- 25 has been issued shall apply to the department for a certificate
- 26 of title.
- 27 (b) Exemptions from titling. -- No certificate of title is
- 28 required for:
- 29 (1) A snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM that was registered
- 30 prior to the effective date of this section.

- 1 (2) A snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM owned by the United 2 States unless a general registration certificate has been 3 issued therefor.
- 4 (3) A new snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM owned by a dealer before and until sale.
- 6 (4) A snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM owned by a nonresident
 7 of this Commonwealth and not required by law to be registered
 8 in this Commonwealth.
- 9 (5) A snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM owned by a resident of
 10 this Commonwealth and required by law to be registered in
 11 another state, based and used principally outside of this
 12 Commonwealth and not required by law to be registered in this
 13 Commonwealth.
- 14 (6) An OHM titled by the department.
- 15 (c) Contents of application. -- Application for a certificate
- 16 of title shall be made upon a form prescribed and furnished by
- 17 the department and shall contain a full description of the
- 18 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM, date of purchase, the name and
- 19 address of the owner, a statement of the title of applicant,
- 20 together with any other information or documents the department
- 21 requires to identify the snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM and to
- 22 enable the department to determine whether the owner is entitled
- 23 to a certificate of title.
- 24 (d) Signing and filing of application. -- Application for a
- 25 certificate of title shall be made within 15 days of the sale or
- 26 transfer of a snowmobile [or]_ ATV or OHM or its entry into this
- 27 Commonwealth from another jurisdiction, whichever is later. The
- 28 application shall be accompanied by the required fee and any tax
- 29 payable by the applicant under the laws of this Commonwealth in
- 30 connection with the acquisition or use of a snowmobile [or] ATV

- 1 or OHM or evidence to show that the tax has been paid or
- 2 collected. The application shall be signed and verified by oath
- 3 or affirmation by the applicant if a natural person; in the case
- 4 of an association or partnership, by a member or a partner; and
- 5 in the case of a corporation, by an executive officer or person
- 6 specifically authorized by the corporation to sign the
- 7 application.
- 8 * * *
- 9 (g) Registration without certificate of title prohibited. --
- 10 Except as provided in subsection (b), the department shall not
- 11 issue a registration certificate or limited registration
- 12 certificate for a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM or a vintage
- 13 snowmobile permit for a vintage snowmobile unless a certificate
- 14 of title has been issued by the department to the owner or an
- 15 application for a certificate of title has been delivered by the
- 16 owner to the department.
- 17 (h) Refusing issuance of certificate of title.--The
- 18 department may refuse issuance of a certificate of title if it
- 19 has reasonable grounds to believe any one of the following:
- 20 * * *
- 21 (2) Any taxes payable under the laws of this
- 22 Commonwealth on or in connection with, or resulting from the
- acquisition or use of, the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM have
- 24 not been paid.
- 25 (3) The applicant is not the owner of the snowmobile
- 26 [or], ATV <u>or OHM</u>.
- 27 * * *
- 28 (j) Transfer of ownership of snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM. --
- 29 (1) Upon the sale or transfer of ownership of a
- 30 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM within this Commonwealth, the

- 1 owner shall execute an assignment and warranty of title to
- 2 the transferee in the space provided on the certificate of
- 3 title or as the department prescribes, sworn to before a
- 4 notary public or other officer empowered to administer oaths,
- 5 and deliver the certificate to the transferee at the time of
- the delivery of the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM.
- 7 (2) Except as otherwise provided in section 7715.1
- 8 (relating to snowmobile [or]_ ATV or OHM purchased from
- 9 dealer), the transferee shall, within 15 days of the
- 10 assignment of the certificate of title, apply for a new title
- 11 by forwarding to the department the certificate of title
- executed as required by paragraph (1), a properly completed
- application for certificate of title, sworn to before a
- 14 notary public or other officer empowered to administer oaths,
- and such other forms as the department may require.
- 16 * * *
- 17 § 7712.2. Transfer to or from dealer.
- 18 (a) Transfer to dealer.--If a dealer acquires a snowmobile
- 19 [or] ATV or OHM for the purpose of resale, a certificate of
- 20 title need not be applied for as provided for in section 7712.1
- 21 (relating to certificate of title for snowmobile [or], ATV or
- 22 OHM), but the dealer shall, within seven days from the date of
- 23 acquisition, forward to the department, upon a form prescribed
- 24 and furnished by the department, notification of the acquisition
- 25 of the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM.
- 26 (b) Execution and display of notice of transfer. -- A dealer
- 27 making notification pursuant to subsection (a) shall execute at
- 28 least three copies of the notification, the original of which
- 29 shall be forwarded to the department, one copy to accompany the
- 30 snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM in any subsequent transfer and one

- 1 copy to be retained by the dealer for at least one year after a
- 2 subsequent transfer, to be exhibited, with the assigned
- 3 certificate of title, upon request of a police officer or
- 4 authorized department employee.
- 5 (c) Transfer from dealer.--Except as otherwise provided in
- 6 subsection (a), if a dealer transfers the dealer's interest in a
- 7 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM:
- 8 * * *
- 9 (d) Exception for repossessed snowmobiles [or] ATV's or
- 10 OHM'S.--This section does not apply to a snowmobile [or], ATV or
- 11 OHM repossessed upon default of performance of a lease, contract
- 12 of conditional sale or similar agreement.
- 13 * * *
- 14 § 7712.3. Transfer of snowmobile [or] ATV or by operation of
- 15 law.
- 16 (a) General rule.--If the interest of an owner in a
- 17 snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM passes to another other than by
- 18 voluntary transfer, the transferee shall, except as otherwise
- 19 provided, promptly mail or deliver to the department the last
- 20 certificate of title, if available, and shall apply for a new
- 21 certificate of title on a form prescribed and furnished by the
- 22 department. The application shall be accompanied by such
- 23 instruments or documents of authority, or certified copies
- 24 thereof, as may be sufficient or required by law to evidence or
- 25 effect a transfer of title or interest in or to chattels in such
- 26 case.
- 27 * * *
- 28 (c) Surrender of certificate. -- A person holding a
- 29 certificate of title, whose interest in a snowmobile [or]_ ATV
- 30 or OHM has been extinguished or transferred other than by

- 1 voluntary transfer, shall immediately surrender the certificate
- 2 of title to the person to whom the right to possession of the
- 3 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM has passed. Upon request of the
- 4 department, such person shall mail or deliver the certificate to
- 5 the department. Delivery of the certificate pursuant to the
- 6 request of the department does not affect the rights of the
- 7 person surrendering the certificate.
- 8 § 7712.5. Issuance of new certificate following transfer.
- 9 * * *
- 10 (c) Filing and retention of surrendered certificate. -- The
- 11 department shall file and retain for five years a surrendered
- 12 certificate of title, or a copy, in such a manner as to permit
- 13 the tracing of title of the snowmobile [or]_ ATV or OHM.
- 14 § 7712.6. Suspension and cancellation of certificate of title.
- 15 (a) Return of new snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM.--The
- 16 department may cancel the certificate of title issued for a new
- 17 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM if it is shown by satisfactory
- 18 evidence that the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM has been returned
- 19 to the dealer from whom obtained.
- 20 (b) Snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM sold to nonresidents.--The
- 21 department may cancel a certificate of title for a snowmobile
- 22 [or] ATV or OHM sold to a resident of another state or foreign
- 23 country if the snowmobile or ATV is to be registered in the
- 24 other jurisdiction.
- 25 * * *
- 26 § 7712.7. Application for certificate of title by agent.
- 27 (a) Authorization to apply. -- No person may apply for a
- 28 certificate of title on behalf of another person unless
- 29 authorization to do so is in effect and is verified by oath or
- 30 affirmation of the other person, made, except as between lessors

- 1 and fleet owners as lessees, not more than 15 days before the
- 2 application is received by the department. A lessor may
- 3 authorize a fleet owner to apply for a certificate of title for
- 4 a leased snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM for a period of up to one
- 5 year.
- 6 * * *
- 7 (c) Persons authorized to hold certificate. -- No person may
- 8 receive, obtain or hold a certificate of title recorded in the
- 9 name of another person for the other person who is not in the
- 10 regular employ of, or not a member of the family of, the other
- 11 person, unless the person receiving, obtaining or holding the
- 12 certificate of title has a valid undischarged security interest
- 13 recorded in the department against the snowmobile [or], ATV or
- 14 OHM represented by the certificate of title.
- 15 * * *
- 16 § 7712.8. Perfection of security interest in a snowmobile [or],_
- 17 ATV or OHM.
- 18 (a) Applicability of section. -- Except as otherwise provided
- 19 in 13 Pa.C.S. §§ 9311(d) (relating to perfection of security
- 20 interests in property subject to certain statutes, regulations
- 21 and treaties), 9315(c) and (d) (relating to secured party's
- 22 rights on disposition of collateral and in proceeds) and 9316(d)
- 23 and (e) (relating to effect of change in governing law), this
- 24 section provides the exclusive method of perfecting a security
- 25 interest in a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM for which a
- 26 certificate of title is required under this subchapter.
- 27 (b) Snowmobiles [or], ATV's or OHM without Pennsylvania
- 28 certificate of title.--If an owner creates a security interest
- 29 in a snowmobile or ATV for which a certificate of title has not
- 30 been issued by the department, the owner shall, at the request

- 1 of the secured party, promptly execute an application for a
- 2 certificate of title on a form prescribed by the department
- 3 showing the name and address of the secured party. The owner
- 4 shall tender the application, the existing certificate of title,
- 5 if any, and the required fee to the department. A security
- 6 interest in a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM is perfected at the
- 7 time that such application, existing certificate of title, if
- 8 any, and required fee are received by the department.
- 9 (c) Snowmobiles [or], ATV's or OHM's with Pennsylvania
- 10 certificate of title. -- If an owner creates a security interest
- 11 in a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM for which a certificate of
- 12 title has been issued by the department, the owner shall, at the
- 13 request of the secured party, promptly execute an application on
- 14 a form prescribed by the department showing the name and address
- 15 of the secured party. The owner shall tender the certificate of
- 16 title, together with the application and the required fee, to
- 17 the department. A security interest in a snowmobile [or], ATV or
- 18 OHM is perfected at the time such application, certificate of
- 19 title and required fee are received by the department.
- 20 * * *
- 21 § 7712.9. Satisfaction of security interest.
- 22 (a) Satisfaction of secured obligation. -- Unless otherwise
- 23 agreed by the owner, within 15 days of the satisfaction of the
- 24 obligation secured by a security interest in a snowmobile [or],
- 25 ATV or OHM, the secured party shall mail or deliver the
- 26 certificate of title to the owner or to the department with a
- 27 statement of satisfaction signed by the secured party. Upon
- 28 receipt of the certificate of title and statement of
- 29 satisfaction, the department shall issue a corrected certificate
- 30 of title without an indorsement of such secured party's security

- 1 interest and mail the same to the holder of the first remaining
- 2 security interest or, if there is no remaining security
- 3 interest, the owner.
- 4 (b) Satisfaction of subordinate secured obligation. -- If the
- 5 certificate of title for a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM is in the
- 6 possession of a prior secured party, the subordinate secured
- 7 party whose obligation is satisfied shall mail or deliver to the
- 8 owner a signed statement of satisfaction in accordance with
- 9 subsection (a). Upon request of the owner and receipt of the
- 10 statement of satisfaction, the secured party in possession of
- 11 the certificate of title shall mail or deliver the certificate
- 12 of title, together with the statement of satisfaction, to the
- 13 department. Upon receipt of the certificate of title and
- 14 evidence of satisfaction, the department shall issue a corrected
- 15 certificate of title without an indorsement of the satisfied
- 16 security interest and mail the same to the prior secured party.
- 17 * * *
- 18 § 7712.10. Release of security interest.
- 19 A secured party that releases a security interest in a
- 20 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM shall mail or deliver the
- 21 certificate of title to the owner with a statement of release
- 22 signed by the secured party, or the secured party may apply to
- 23 the department for a corrected certificate of title to be issued
- 24 in the name of the owner. Upon receipt of the certificate of
- 25 title and statement of release, the department shall issue a
- 26 corrected certificate of title without an indorsement of such
- 27 secured party and mail the same to the holder of the first
- 28 remaining security interest or, if there is no remaining secured
- 29 party, the owner.
- 30 § 7712.12. Assignment by secured party of security interest.

- 1 (a) General rule. -- A secured party may assign, absolutely or
- 2 otherwise, his security interest in a snowmobile [or], ATV or
- 3 OHM to a person other than the owner without affecting the
- 4 interest of the owner or the validity or perfection of the
- 5 security interest.
- 6 * * *
- 7 § 7712.13. Exemptions.
- 8 The provisions of this subchapter relating to procedures for
- 9 perfecting, assigning and satisfying security interests do not
- 10 apply to:
- 11 (1) a lien given by statute or rule of law to a supplier
- of services or materials for the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM;
- 13 (2) a lien given by statute to the United States, the
- 14 Commonwealth or any political subdivision of the
- 15 Commonwealth;
- 16 (3) a security interest in a snowmobile or ATV described
- in 13 Pa.C.S. § 9311(d) (relating to perfection of security
- interests in property subject to certain statutes,
- 19 regulations and treaties); or
- 20 (4) a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM for which a
- 21 certificate of title is not required under this subchapter.
- 22 § 7715.1. Snowmobile [or]_ ATV or OHM purchased from dealer.
- 23 (a) General rule. -- If a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM is
- 24 purchased from a dealer, the dealer shall mail or deliver to the
- 25 department an application for a registration certificate or
- 26 limited registration certificate, an application for certificate
- 27 of title, any other required forms and the required fees within
- 28 15 days of the date of purchase.
- 29 * * *
- 30 § 7715.2. Fees.

- 1 (a) Fees.--Except as provided in subsection (b), the
- 2 department shall collect the following fees:
- 3 * * *
- 4 (5) Transfer of registration pursuant to section 7711.1
- 5 (relating to registration of snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM),
- 6 \$5.
- 7 * * *
- 8 (b) Exemptions from fees. -- Subsection (a) does not apply to
- 9 a snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM owned by:
- 10 * * *
- 11 § 7716. Records.
- 12 The department shall maintain a record, which shall be made
- 13 available to all enforcement agencies, of:
- 14 (1) The registration number for each snowmobile [and],
- 15 ATV and OHM for which a registration certificate or limited
- 16 registration certificate is issued.
- 17 (2) The name and address of the owner of each snowmobile
- 18 [and], ATV and OHM for which a registration certificate or
- 19 limited registration certificate is issued.
- 20 * * *
- 21 § 7717. Snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM Advisory Committee.
- 22 (a) Establishment. -- There is hereby established under the
- 23 jurisdiction of the department a board known as the Snowmobile
- 24 [and], ATV and Advisory Committee.
- 25 (b) Composition. -- The committee shall consist of 17 members.
- 26 The members shall be as follows:
- 27 (1) The chairman and minority chairman of the
- 28 Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the Senate.
- 29 (2) The chairman and minority chairman of the
- 30 Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the House of

- 1 Representatives.
- 2 (3) One member [from] <u>representing</u> the Pennsylvania Game
- 3 Commission.
- 4 (4) One member [from] <u>representing</u> the Allegheny
- 5 National Forest.
- 6 (5) One member [from] <u>representing</u> the Pennsylvania
- 7 State Association of Township Supervisors.
- 8 (6) One member [from] <u>representing</u> the Pennsylvania
- 9 State Association of Boroughs.
- 10 (7) One member [from] representing the Pennsylvania
- 11 State Association of County Commissioners.
- 12 (7.1) One member representing the Department of
- 13 <u>Community and Economic Development.</u>
- 14 (8) [Eight] <u>Seven</u> members of the public representing the
- following organizations to be appointed by the Secretary of
- 16 Conservation and Natural Resources:
- 17 (i) Two members from a list of at least six
- 18 representatives submitted by the Pennsylvania State
- 19 Snowmobile Association.
- 20 (ii) Two members from a list of at least six
- 21 representatives submitted by the Pennsylvania Off-Highway
- 22 Vehicle Association.
- 23 (iii) One member from a list of at least three
- representatives submitted by the Pennsylvania Farm
- 25 Bureau.
- 26 [(iv) Two members from a list of at least six
- 27 representatives submitted by conservation or nonmotorized
- recreation organizations.]
- 29 (v) One member from a list of at least three
- representatives submitted by the Pennsylvania [Travel

- 1 Council] <u>Association of Travel and Tourism</u>.
- 2 (vi) One member from a list of at least three
- 3 <u>representatives submitted by the Pennsylvania Economic</u>
- 4 <u>Development Association.</u>
- 5 Each member may designate an alternate to serve in his stead. A
- 6 member shall notify the chairman in writing of this designation.
- 7 * * *
- 8 (e) Meetings and expenses.--
- 9 (1) The committee shall meet at least [annually]
- 10 <u>semiannually</u>.
- 11 (2) A public member, including a designee, who misses
- three consecutive meetings without good cause [acceptable to
- the chairman] may be replaced by the Secretary of
- 14 Conservation and Natural Resources <u>upon recommendation of the</u>
- 15 chairman.
- 16 * * *
- 17 (f) Powers and duties. -- The powers and duties of the
- 18 committee shall be to advise the Secretary of Conservation and
- 19 Natural Resources on matters concerning the implementation of
- 20 this chapter, including existing and proposed regulations,
- 21 standards, policies, quidelines and practices; use and operation
- 22 of snowmobiles [and]_ ATV's and OHM's on public and private
- 23 land; acquisition, construction, development and maintenance of
- 24 trails; enforcement; and allocation of fees collected by the
- 25 department pursuant to this chapter.
- 26 § 7721. Operation on streets and highways.
- 27 (a) General rule. -- Except as otherwise provided in this
- 28 chapter, it is unlawful to operate a snowmobile or an ATV or
- 29 OHM on any street or highway which is not designated and posted
- 30 as a snowmobile or an ATV or OHM road by the governmental agency

- 1 having jurisdiction.
- 2 (b) Emergency and bridge crossings. -- A snowmobile [or], an
- 3 ATV or OHM may be operated on highways and streets:
- 4 * * *
- 5 (c) Crossing street or highway. -- A snowmobile or an ATV may
- 6 make a direct crossing of a street or highway upon compliance
- 7 with the following requirements:
- 8 * * *
- 9 (2) The snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM is brought to a
- 10 complete stop before crossing the shoulder or main-traveled
- 11 way of the highway.
- 12 * * *
- 13 § 7722. Designation of snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM roads.
- 14
- 15 (a) General rule. -- The Department of Transportation on
- 16 State-designated highways and local authorities on any highway,
- 17 road or street within its jurisdiction may designate any
- 18 highway, road or street within its jurisdiction as a snowmobile
- 19 road, an ATV road[, or both,] or OHM road and may, in its
- 20 discretion, determine whether such road shall be closed to
- 21 vehicular traffic or whether snowmobiles [and], ATV's and OHM's
- 22 may share this designated road with vehicular traffic.
- 23 * * *
- 24 (c) Liability.--There shall be no liability imposed on the
- 25 Department of Transportation or any other State agency or any
- 26 political subdivision of this Commonwealth as a result of
- 27 designating any highway, road or street as a snowmobile road
- 28 [or] an ATV or OHM road as provided in subsection (a). There
- 29 <u>shall be no liability imposed upon a private or public real</u>
- 30 property owner who makes any portion of the owner's land

- 1 available for snowmobiles, ATV's or OHM's required to be
- 2 registered under this chapter. A court shall award attorney fees
- 3 and direct legal costs to a real property owner, lessee, manager
- 4 <u>or occupant, or an easement holder, who is not liable for an</u>
- 5 injury to a person or property due to the use of a snowmobile,
- 6 ATV or OHM.
- 7 § 7723. Special snowmobile and ATV events.
- 8 (a) General rule. -- Snowmobiles [and], ATV's and OHM's may be
- 9 operated on highways and streets for special snowmobile [and]___
- 10 ATV and OHM events of limited duration which are conducted
- 11 according to a prearranged schedule under permit from the
- 12 governmental agency having jurisdiction.
- 13 (b) Authority of local authorities. -- A local authority may
- 14 block off highways and streets within its jurisdiction for the
- 15 purpose of allowing snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM races, rallies
- 16 or derbies. No State trunk highway or connecting street, or part
- 17 thereof, shall be blocked off by any local authority for any
- 18 snowmobile [or], ATV and OHM race, rally or derby.
- 19 (c) Notification and duty of police. -- A local authority
- 20 shall notify the local police department and the county
- 21 sheriff's office at least one week in advance of the time and
- 22 place of any snowmobile [or] _ ATV and OHM race, rally or derby
- 23 which may result in any highway or street, or part thereof,
- 24 being blocked off. Upon such notice, the local police department
- 25 shall take such measures as it deems appropriate to protect
- 26 persons and property and to regulate traffic in the designated
- 27 area and its vicinity on the day of such race, rally or derby.
- 28 § 7724. Operation on private or State property.
- 29 (a) Private real property.--
- 30 (1) No person shall operate a snowmobile [or], an ATV or

- $\underline{\text{OHM}}$ on private real property without the consent of the owner
- thereof. Any person operating a snowmobile [or], an ATV or
- 3 OHM upon lands of another shall stop and identify himself
- 4 upon the request of the landowner or his duly authorized
- 5 representatives and, if requested to do so by the landowner,
- shall promptly remove the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM from
- 7 the premises.
- 8 (2) When a person operates a snowmobile [or]_ an ATV or_
- 9 $\underline{\text{OHM}}$ in a manner as to violate section 3717 (relating to
- 10 trespass by motor vehicle), the applicable fines, penalties
- and suspensions provided in this title for violation of
- section 3717 shall apply to this subsection.
- 13 (b) State property.--
- 14 (1) No person shall operate a snowmobile [or], an ATV or
- 15 OHM on State-owned property except on clearly marked and
- 16 previously designated snowmobile or ATV routes or as
- expressly permitted by the Commonwealth.
- 18 (2) (i) The department may designate any road within a
- 19 State Park or State Forest over which the department has
- jurisdiction as a snowmobile road [or], an ATV road[,] or_
- 21 OHM road [both], and may, in its discretion, determine
- 22 whether the road shall be closed to vehicular traffic or
- whether snowmobiles [and] ATV's and OHM's may share the
- designated road with vehicular traffic. Adequate notices
- of such designation and determination shall be
- sufficiently and prominently displayed.
- 27 (ii) No person shall operate a snowmobile [or]_ ATV
- 28 <u>or OHM</u> on State park or State forest land except as
- 29 follows:
- 30 * * *

- 1 A person may operate a Class I or Class II 2 ATV or OHM on a road, trail or area that is 3 designated and marked by the department as open for ATV or OHM use or on which the person has been given 4 5 specific written permission to operate the ATV or 6 OHM. 7 [(C) A person may operate a Class II ATV on a 8 road, trail or area if the person has been given 9 specific written permission by the department to 10 operate a Class II ATV on the road, trail or area.] 11 Section 5. Section 7725(a), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (i) of 12 Title 75 are amended and the section is amended by adding 13 subsections to read: § 7725. Operation by persons under age sixteen. 14 15 (a) Crossing street or highway. -- No person under 16 years of 16 age shall drive a snowmobile [or], an ATV or OHM across any highway or connecting street thereto unless he is under the 17 18 direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older and 19 unless he holds a valid and appropriate safety certificate from 20 the Commonwealth or a valid and approved certificate issued 21 under the authority of another state or Province of Canada. [The 22 department shall determine what certificates will be approved]. * * * 23 24 (c.1) OHM safety certification. -- No person under 16 years of age shall operate an OHM in this Commonwealth unless the person 25 26 satisfies one of the following conditions: 27 (1) Is under the direct supervision of a certified 28 Motorcycle Safety Foundation Dirt Bike School Coach during a 29 safety training course.
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(2) Is on land owned or leased by a parent or legal

- 1 <u>quardian</u>.
- 2 (3) Has received safety training as prescribed by a
- 3 <u>Motorcycle Safety Foundation Dirt Bike School and has</u>
- 4 <u>received the appropriate safety certificate.</u>
- 5 [(d) Failure to exhibit certificate. -- The failure of such a
- 6 youthful operator to exhibit the appropriate safety certificate,
- 7 upon demand, to any law enforcement officer having authority to
- 8 enforce the provisions of this section shall be presumptive
- 9 evidence that such person is not the holder of such
- 10 certificate.]
- 11 (d.1) Presentation of certificate. -- Within 72 hours of
- 12 receiving notice of a violation of this section, a youthful
- 13 operator shall present the appropriate safety certificate to any
- 14 <u>law enforcement officer having authority to enforce the</u>
- 15 provisions of this section. It shall be an affirmative defense
- 16 to a prosecution for a violation of this section if the youth
- 17 operator complies with this subsection.
- 18 (e) Permitting unauthorized operation. -- No owner of a
- 19 snowmobile [or], an ATV or OHM shall authorize or permit the
- 20 operation thereof within this Commonwealth by any person under
- 21 16 years of age unless the person under 16 years of age is the
- 22 holder of a valid and appropriate safety certificate, or except
- 23 as authorized in subsections (b), (b.2) [and], (c) and (c.1).
- 24 (f) Certification of [snowmobile] safety instructors.--The
- 25 department may certify snowmobile or ATV safety instructors to
- 26 act as its agents in conducting classes and examinations and
- 27 issuing snowmobile or ATV safety certificates in its name. The
- 28 <u>department shall recognize coaches certified by the Motorcycle</u>
- 29 <u>Safety Foundation as certified under this subsection.</u>
- 30 (g) Operation on snowmobile and ATV roads. -- No person under

- 1 16 years of age may operate a snowmobile [or], an ATV or OHM on
- 2 streets or highways designated under section 7722 (relating to
- 3 designation of snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM roads) as open to
- 4 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM and vehicular traffic. A person
- 5 under 16 years of age who holds the appropriate safety
- 6 certificate may operate a snowmobile [or], an ATV or OHM on
- 7 roads designated under section 7724(b) (relating to operation on
- 8 private or State property) as open to snowmobile [or] ATV or
- 9 OHM and vehicular traffic, provided he is under the direct
- 10 supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.
- 11 * * *
- 12 (h.1) Exemption from liability.--
- 13 (1) A public or private owner of real property who
- 14 <u>authorizes the use of the owner's real property for the</u>
- purpose of an approved snowmobile, ATV or OHM information,
- 16 <u>safety education and training program under subsection (c.1)</u>
- or (h) shall not be held civilly liable for any injury or
- death to a person or damage to property that occurs during
- 19 <u>the course or instruction or training.</u>
- 20 (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in the case of an
- 21 <u>owner's willful or malicious failure to warn against a</u>
- 22 <u>dangerous condition, use, structure or activity.</u>
- 23 (i) Cooperation with other organizations. -- In implementing a
- 24 program which is established under this section, the department
- 25 shall cooperate with private organizations and associations,
- 26 private and public corporations, the Department of Education and
- 27 local governmental units. The department shall consult with
- 28 snowmobile, ATV, OHM and environmental organizations and
- 29 associations in regard to subject matter of a training program
- 30 that leads to certification of snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM

- 1 operators.
- 2 Section 6. Sections 7726(a) introductory paragraph, (b), (c)
- 3 heading, introductory paragraph, (2) and (5), 7727, 7728,
- 4 7729(a) and 7730(a), (b) and (c) of Title 75 are amended to
- 5 read:
- 6 § 7726. Operation in safe manner.
- 7 (a) General rule. -- No person shall operate a snowmobile
- 8 [or], an ATV or OHM in any of the following ways:
- 9 * * *
- 10 (b) Permitting unsafe operation. -- No owner or other person
- 11 having charge or control of a snowmobile [or]_ an ATV or OHM_
- 12 shall knowingly authorize or permit the operation of the
- 13 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM by any person who is incapable to do
- 14 so by reason of age, physical or mental disability, or who is
- 15 under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance.
- 16 (c) Operation on highways and streets open to snowmobiles
- 17 [or], ATV's or OHM's and vehicular traffic. -- No person shall
- 18 operate a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM in any of the following
- 19 ways on highways and streets open to snowmobiles [or] ATV's or_
- 20 OHM's and vehicular traffic:
- 21 * * *
- 22 (2) Ride two snowmobiles [or], ATV's or OHM's abreast.
- 23 Snowmobiles [and], ATV's and OHM's shall be operated in
- 24 single file except when overtaking another vehicle. The
- 25 driver of any vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding
- in the same direction shall pass at a safe distance to the
- left thereof, until safely clear of such overtaken vehicle.
- Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a
- 29 driver overtaking the passing upon the right of another
- 30 vehicle which is making or about to make a left turn. The

- 1 driver of a vehicle shall not drive to the left side of the
- 2 center of a highway in overtaking or passing another vehicle
- 3 proceeding in the same direction, unless the left side is
- 4 clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a
- 5 sufficient distance ahead to permit the overtaking or passing
- 6 to be made in safety.
- 7 * * *
- 8 (5) Without a securely fastened helmet on the head of an
- 9 individual who operates or is a passenger on a snowmobile
- [or] ATV or OHM or who is being towed or otherwise propelled
- 11 by a snowmobile. The department shall specify the types of
- 12 helmets allowed through rules and regulations.
- 13 § 7727. Additional limitations on operation.
- Except as otherwise permitted under Title 34 (relating to
- 15 game), no person shall:
- (1) Operate or ride in any snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM
- with any bow and arrows or with any firearm in his possession
- unless it is unstrung or unloaded.
- 19 (2) Drive or pursue any game or wildlife with a
- snowmobile [or], an ATV or OHM.
- 21 § 7728. Accidents and accident reports.
- 22 (a) Duty to stop and provide information. -- Whenever any
- 23 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM is involved in an accident resulting
- 24 in loss of life, personal injury or damage to property and the
- 25 operator thereof has knowledge of such accident, he shall stop
- 26 and give his name and address, the name and address of the owner
- 27 thereof and the registration number of the snowmobile [or]_ ATV
- 28 or OHM to the injured person or the person sustaining the damage
- 29 or to a police officer. In case no police officer nor the person
- 30 sustaining the damage is present at the place where the damage

- 1 occurred, then the operator shall immediately report, as soon as
- 2 he is physically able, the accident to the nearest law
- 3 enforcement agency.
- 4 (b) Report of accident to department. -- The operator of any
- 5 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM involved in any accident resulting
- 6 in injuries to or death of any person or resulting in property
- 7 damage to the estimated amount of \$100 or more shall, within
- 8 seven days after such accident, report the matter in writing to
- 9 the department. If the operator is physically incapable of
- 10 making the report and there is another participant in the
- 11 accident not so incapacitated, the participant shall make the
- 12 report within the prescribed period of time after the accident.
- 13 In the event that there is no other participant and the operator
- 14 is other than the owner, then the owner shall within the
- 15 prescribed period of time, after learning of the facts of such
- 16 accident, report the matter to the department, together with
- 17 such information as may have come to his knowledge relating to
- 18 such accident. Every operator or owner of a snowmobile [or], an
- 19 ATV or OHM in an accident, or surviving participant of any such
- 20 accident, shall make such other and additional reports as the
- 21 department shall require.
- 22 (c) Report by law enforcement officer. -- A law enforcement
- 23 officer who investigates or receives information of an accident
- 24 involving a snowmobile [or]_L an ATV or OHM shall make a written
- 25 report of the investigation or information received, and such
- 26 additional facts relating to the accident as may come to his
- 27 knowledge, and mail the same within 48 hours to the department
- 28 and keep a record thereof in his office.
- 29 (d) Exception. -- This section does not apply when property
- 30 damage is sustained in sanctioned snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM

- 1 races, derbies and rallies.
- 2 § 7729. Liability of owner for negligence.
- 3 (a) General rule. -- Negligence in the use or operation of a
- 4 snowmobile [or], an ATV or OHM is attributable to the owner.
- 5 Every owner of a snowmobile [or], an ATV or OHM used or operated
- 6 in this Commonwealth shall be liable and responsible for death
- 7 or injury to person or damage to property resulting from
- 8 negligence in the use or operation of such snowmobile [or], ATV
- 9 or OHM by any person using or operating the snowmobile [or]_ ATV
- 10 or OHM with the permission, express or implied, of such owner.
- 11 * * *
- 12 § 7730. Liability insurance.
- 13 (a) Requirement. -- A snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM for which
- 14 registration is required under this chapter shall have liability
- 15 insurance coverage for the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM issued by
- 16 an insurance carrier authorized to do business in this
- 17 Commonwealth. This subsection does not apply to limited
- 18 registrations.
- 19 (b) Proof of insurance. -- Proof of insurance as required by
- 20 this section shall be produced and displayed by the owner or
- 21 operator of such snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM upon the request of
- 22 any magistrate or any person having authority to enforce the
- 23 provisions of this chapter or to any person who has suffered or
- 24 claims to have suffered either personal injury or property
- 25 damage as a result of the operation of such snowmobile [or], ATV
- 26 or OHM. It shall be an affirmative defense to any prosecution
- 27 for a violation of this section that such proof was so produced
- 28 within 72 hours of receiving notice of such violation, injury or
- 29 damage or the claim of such injury or damage.
- 30 (c) Owner's responsibility. -- No owner of a snowmobile [or],

- 1 ATV or OHM shall operate or permit the same to be operated
- 2 without having in full force and effect liability insurance
- 3 coverage required by this section. The operator of a snowmobile
- 4 [or], ATV or OHM shall carry proof of insurance on his person or
- 5 on the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM when it is in operation.
- 6 * * *
- 7 Section 7. Section 7741(a) and (b) of Title 75 are amended
- 8 and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:
- 9 \S 7741. Head lamps and tail lamps.
- 10 (a) Time of operation. -- Every snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM
- 11 operated during hours of darkness shall display a lighted head
- 12 lamp and tail lamp. The lights shall be in operation during the
- 13 period of from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour
- 14 before sunrise and at any time when, due to insufficient light
- 15 or unfavorable atmospheric conditions caused by fog or
- 16 otherwise, other persons, vehicles and other objects are not
- 17 clearly discernible for a distance of 500 feet ahead.
- 18 (b) Head lamp requirements. -- The head lamp shall display
- 19 white light of sufficient illuminating power to reveal any
- 20 person, vehicle or substantial object at a distance of 100 feet
- 21 ahead.
- 22 (1) If the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM is equipped with
- a multiple beam head lamp, the upper beam shall meet the
- 24 minimum requirements set forth in this section and the
- 25 lowermost beam shall be so aimed and of sufficient intensity
- to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 50
- 27 feet ahead.
- 28 (2) If the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM is equipped with
- a single beam head lamp, the lamp shall be so aimed that when
- 30 the vehicle is loaded none of the high intensity portion of

- 1 the light, at a distance of 75 feet ahead, projects higher
- 2 than the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes.
- 3 * * *
- 4 (d) Construction. -- Nothing in this section shall be
- 5 construed to require an OHM be equipped with head lamps or tail
- 6 <u>lamps as a requirement of sale.</u>
- 7 Section 8. Sections 7742(b), 7743(a) and (b), 7751(b) and
- 8 (d) and 7752(d)(1)
- 9 § 7742. Brakes.
- 10 * * *
- 11 (b) ATV's and OHM's.--It is unlawful to operate an ATV or
- 12 OHM which is not equipped with a braking system which may be
- 13 operated by hand or foot, capable of producing deceleration of
- 14 14 feet per second on level ground at a speed of 20 miles per
- 15 hour, and the design must permit simple and easy adjustment to
- 16 compensate for wear.
- 17 § 7743. Mufflers and [noise] sound control.
- 18 (a) General rule.--It is unlawful to operate a snowmobile
- 19 [or], an ATV or OHM which is not equipped at all times with a
- 20 muffler in good working order which blends the exhaust [noise]
- 21 <u>sound</u> into the overall snowmobile [or], ATV <u>or OHM</u> [noise] <u>sound</u>
- 22 and is in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual
- 23 [noise] <u>sound</u>. The exhaust system shall not emit or produce a
- 24 sharp popping or crackling sound. The sound intensity produced
- 25 by a snowmobile shall not exceed 82dbA when measured in
- 26 accordance with SAE Recommended Practice J 192 Exterior Sound
- 27 Level for Snowmobiles, as amended. The department may by
- 28 regulation adopt more stringent [noise] sound requirements for
- 29 snowmobiles. The department shall by regulation adopt [noise]
- 30 <u>sound</u> requirements for in-use operation of ATV's <u>and OHM's</u> using

- 1 measurement procedures in accordance with ANSI/SAE Recommended
- 2 Practice J 1287 [March 1982] July 1998, Measurement of Exhaust
- 3 Level of Stationary Motorcycles. The sound level intensity
- 4 produced by an ATV or OHM manufactured before January 1, 1998
- 5 shall not exceed 99dbA, or decibels, when measured at 20 inches.
- 6 The sound level intensity produced by an ATV or OHM manufactured
- 7 on or after January 1, 1998 shall not exceed 96dba, or decibels,
- 8 when measured as 20 inches.
- 9 (b) Modified mufflers prohibited.--It is unlawful to modify
- 10 a muffler or to operate a snowmobile [or], an ATV or OHM with a
- 11 modified muffler so as to increase the sound level of the
- 12 snowmobile or ATV above the level allowed by this section.
- 13 * * *
- 14 § 7751. Enforcement personnel and procedures.
- 15 * * *
- 16 (b) Forms and procedures. -- The department may prescribe the
- 17 form of summons or complaint, or both, in all cases involving a
- 18 violation of any provision of this chapter or of any ordinance,
- 19 rule or regulation relating to snowmobiles [or], ATV's or OHM's,
- 20 or of any class or category of such cases, and may establish
- 21 procedures for proper administrative controls over the
- 22 disposition thereof.
- 23 * * *
- 24 (d) Rules and regulations. -- The department [may] shall
- 25 promulgate such rules and regulations [as may be deemed
- 26 necessary] to accomplish the purposes and enforce the provisions
- 27 of this section including requirements for reporting by trial
- 28 courts having jurisdiction over snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM
- 29 violations.
- 30 § 7752. Penalties for violation of chapter.

- 1 * * *
- 2 (d) Registration.--
- 3 (1) A person who violates section 7711.1 (relating to
- 4 registration of snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM) or 7711.2
- 5 (relating to limited registration of snowmobile [or], ATV or
- 6 OHM) by failing to obtain the required registration
- 7 certificate or limited registration certificate commits a
- 8 summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to
- 9 pay a fine of \$300 or to be imprisoned for 90 days, or both,
- and costs of prosecution. Proceedings for a summary offense
- under this paragraph must be commenced within 60 days after
- 12 commission of the alleged offense or within 60 days after
- discovery of the commission of the offense or the identity of
- the offender, whichever is later.
- 15 * * *
- 16 Section 9. This act shall take effect as follows:
- 17 (1) The following shall take effect immediately:
- 18 (i) The amendment of 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 7717 and 7722.
- 19 (ii) This section.
- 20 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60
- 21 days.