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AN ACT

- Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated 1 Statutes, in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, further 2 providing for short title of chapter, for definitions, for 3 restricted accounts, for registration of dealers, for registration of snowmobile or ATV, for limited registration of snowmobile or ATV, for certificate of title for snowmobile or ATV, for transfer to or from dealer, for transfer of 7 snowmobile or ATV by operation of law, for issuance of new 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 exemptions, for 14 snowmobile or ATV purchased from dealer, for fees, for 15 records, for Snowmobile and ATV Advisory Committee, for 16 operation on streets and highways, for designation of 17 snowmobile and ATV roads, for special snowmobile and ATV 18 19 events, for operation on private or State property, for operation by persons under age sixteen, for operation in safe 20 manner, for additional limitations on operation, for accidents and accident reports, for liability of owner for 21 22 23 negligence, for liability insurance, for head lamps and tail lamps, for brakes, for mufflers and sound control, for 24 enforcement personnel and procedures and for penalties for 25 violation of chapter; and making editorial changes. 26
- 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

- 1 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 2 CHAPTER 77
- 3 SNOWMOBILES [AND], ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND OFF-HIGHWAY
- 4 MOTORCYCLES
- 5 Section 2. Section 7701 of Title 75 is amended to read:
- 6 § 7701. Short title of chapter.
- 7 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the
- 8 Snowmobile [and] All-Terrain Vehicle and Off-Highway Motorcycle
- 9 Law.
- 10 Section 3. The definition of "all-terrain vehicle" or "ATV"
- 11 in section 7702 of Title 75 is amended and the section is
- 12 amended by adding a definition to read:
- 13 § 7702. Definitions.
- 14 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
- 15 shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the
- 16 meanings given to them in this section:
- 17 "All-terrain vehicle" or "ATV." A motorized off-highway
- 18 vehicle which travels on three or more off-highway tires and
- 19 which has:
- 20 (1) a maximum width of 50 inches and a maximum dry
- 21 weight of 1,200 pounds; or
- 22 (2) a width which exceeds 50 inches or a dry weight
- which exceeds 1,200 pounds.
- 24 ATV's described in paragraph (1) may be referred to as Class I
- 25 ATV's, and ATV's described in paragraph (2) may be referred to
- 26 as Class II ATV's. This term does not include snowmobiles,
- 27 [trail bikes,] off-highway motorcycles, motorboats, golf carts,
- 28 aircraft, dune buggies, automobiles, construction machines,
- 29 trucks or home utility machines; military, fire, emergency and
- 30 law enforcement vehicles; implements of husbandry; multipurpose

- 1 agricultural vehicles; vehicles used by the department; or any
- 2 vehicle that is or is required to be registered under Chapter 13
- 3 (relating to registration of vehicles). In addition, this term
- 4 does not include off-road motor vehicles used exclusively as
- 5 utility vehicles for agricultural or business operations and
- 6 incidentally operated or moved upon the highway.
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- 8 <u>"Off-highway motorcycle" or "OHM." A motor vehicle used off</u>
- 9 the roads or highways of this Commonwealth that has a seat or
- 10 <u>saddle for the use of the rider and is designed to travel with</u>
- 11 not more than two wheels in contact with the ground, including
- 12 <u>dual sport motorcycles</u>.
- 13 * * *
- 14 Section 4. Sections 7706(a)(1) and (2), (b), (c) and (e) and
- 15 7711(a) and (e) introductory paragraph, (3) and (4) of Title 75
- 16 are amended to read:
- 17 § 7706. Restricted accounts.
- 18 (a) Deposit and use of moneys.--
- 19 (1) The ATV and OHM Management Restricted Account and
- the Snowmobile Management Restricted Account are established
- 21 in the State Treasury. The department shall deposit the
- following into the appropriate restricted account:
- 23 (i) all moneys received from the registration of and
- issuance of certificates of title for snowmobiles [and],__
- 25 ATV's or OHM's and from the issuance of vintage
- 26 snowmobile permits;
- 27 (ii) all revenue from the sale of any publications
- or services relating to snowmobiles [and], ATV's and
- 29 <u>OHM's</u>;
- 30 (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 related to violations attributed to ATV's and OHM's shall be deposited in the ATV and OHM Management Restricted Account;
 - (iv) 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 related to violations attributed to snowmobiles shall be deposited in the Snowmobile Management Restricted Account; and
 - (v) all refunds of gas taxes generated under section 9017(d.1) (relating to refunds) shall be deposited in the two restricted accounts on a proportional basis of the activity that generated those taxes.
- 16 The department shall draw moneys from the respective 17 restricted accounts for use in performing any activities 18 necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter, 19 including registration and certificate of title activities, 20 training, education, enforcement activities, construction and 21 maintenance of snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM trails and 22 acquisition of equipment, supplies and interests in land. All 23 moneys deposited in these accounts shall remain in them to be 24 used as specified in this section. With the exception of 25 trails used by [both] snowmobiles [and], ATV's and OHM's, 26 under no circumstances shall the department expend any moneys 27 from the accounts except for the activity that generated 28 those accounts.
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30 (b) Grant-in-aid.--The department shall, upon written

- 1 application and subsequent approval, grant money from the
- 2 restricted accounts:
- 3 (1) To municipalities, profit and nonprofit
- 4 organizations in connection with snowmobile [and], ATV and
- 5 OHM use on lands [not owned by the Commonwealth] for the
- 6 following:
- 7 (i) Plans, specifications and engineering surveys.
- 8 (ii) Fees and costs related to the preparation or
- 9 performance of right-of-way lease agreements.
- 10 (iii) Land acquisition.
- 11 (iv) Construction, maintenance and rehabilitation of
- trails and other facilities for snowmobiles [and]_ ATV's
- 13 and OHM's.
- 14 (2) To municipalities and profit and nonprofit
- organizations for equipment, training and education
- activities relating to snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM use.
- 17 (3) To profit and nonprofit organizations for the
- 18 maintenance, rehabilitation and construction of snowmobile
- [and], ATV and OHM trails on land owned by the Commonwealth.
- 20 * * *
- 21 (c) Audit of moneys. -- The restricted accounts shall be
- 22 audited every two years. Copies of the audit shall be provided
- 23 to the Snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM Advisory Committee, the
- 24 Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the Appropriations
- 25 Committee of the House of Representatives. Copies shall also be
- 26 posted and maintained on the department's publicly accessible
- 27 Internet website.
- 28 * * *
- 29 (e) Definition.--For purposes of this section, "all-terrain
- 30 vehicle" or "ATV" shall also include any self-propelled vehicle

- 1 which is manufactured for sale or operation primarily on off-
- 2 highway trails or off-highway competition and only incidentally
- 3 operated on public highways. This term includes OHMs. This term
- 4 shall not include a snowmobile or other self-propelled vehicles
- 5 manufactured for off-highway use exclusively designed for travel
- 6 on snow or ice, steered by skis or runners and supported in
- 7 whole or in part by one or more skis, belts or cleats which
- 8 utilize an endless belt tread.
- 9 § 7711. Registration of dealers.
- 10 (a) General rule. -- A person who is in the business of
- 11 selling snowmobiles [or], ATV's or OHM's in this Commonwealth
- 12 shall register with the department as a dealer. A person who is
- 13 in the business of selling snowmobiles [or], ATV's or OHM's
- 14 outside this Commonwealth may register with the department as a
- 15 dealer.
- 16 * * *
- 17 (e) Use of dealer registration plates. -- A dealer may operate
- 18 or permit to be operated within this Commonwealth a snowmobile
- 19 [or], ATV or OHM owned by or in the possession of the dealer if:
- 20 * * *
- 21 (3) There is displayed on the snowmobile [or], ATV or
- 22 OHM in a manner prescribed by the department a valid dealer
- registration plate issued to the dealer under this section.
- 24 (4) The snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM is operated only for
- 25 the purpose of demonstration or testing in connection with
- the dealer's business.
- 27 Section 5. Section 7711.1 heading, (a) introductory
- 28 paragraph, (1), (2) and (4), (b) introductory paragraph, (1) and
- 29 (2), (d)(2) and (f)(1), (2), (3) and (4) are amended and the
- 30 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

- 1 § 7711.1. Registration of snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM.
- 2 (a) General rule. -- Except as otherwise provided in
- 3 subsection (f), it is unlawful for a person to operate or for an
- 4 owner to permit another person to operate a snowmobile [or] an
- 5 ATV or an OHM unless:
- 6 (1) There is carried on the snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM
- 7 a valid registration certificate issued therefor pursuant to
- 8 subsection (b).
- 9 (2) There is displayed on the snowmobile a registration
- 10 decal, or on the ATV or OHM a registration plate, issued
- 11 therefor pursuant to subsection (b).
- 12 * * *
- 13 (4) There is displayed on the snowmobile [or] ATV or
- 14 OHM a valid expiration sticker issued therefor pursuant to
- 15 subsection (b).
- 16 * * *
- 17 (b) Issuance. -- Upon receipt of an application therefor upon
- 18 a form prescribed and furnished by the department which shall
- 19 contain information reasonably required by the department and
- 20 which shall be accompanied by the required fee, the department
- 21 shall issue to the owner of a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM:
- 22 (1) A biennial registration certificate containing the
- registration number for the snowmobile [or]_L ATV or OHM and
- 24 the expiration date of the registration.
- 25 (2) A registration decal displaying the registration
- number for a snowmobile or a registration plate displaying
- 27 the registration number for an ATV or OHM.
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- 29 (c.1) Exception.--OHM's registered with the Department of
- 30 <u>Transportation do not require a registration plate.</u>

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 10 registration of a different snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM and 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 a registration certificate or limited registration 18 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 or OHM is operated on land
- 6 owned or leased by the owner or operator of the snowmobile
- 7 [or], ATV or OHM and it is not operated elsewhere within this
- 8 Commonwealth. Except as otherwise provided in this
- 9 subsection, an OHM does not need to be registered with the
- department when the OHM operator is invited on the land by
- the owner or lessee of the land.
- 12 (4) The owner of the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM is not
- 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
- 17 registration under this chapter.
- 18 * * *
- 19 Section 6. Sections 7711.2 heading, (a) introductory
- 20 paragraph and (2), (b) and (d), 7712.1 heading, (a), (b), (c),
- 21 (d), (g), (h)(2) and (3) and (j), 7712.2(a), (b), (c)
- 22 introductory paragraph and (d), 7712.3 heading, (a) and (c),
- 23 7712.5(c), 7712.6(a) and (b), 7712.7(a) and (c), 7712.8 heading,
- 24 (a), (b) and (c), 7712.9(a) and (b), 7712.10, 7712.12(a) and
- 25 7712.13 of Title 75 are amended to read:
- 26 § 7711.2. Limited registration of snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM.
- 27 (a) General rule. -- It is unlawful for a person to operate or
- 28 for an owner to permit another person to operate a snowmobile
- 29 [or], ATV or OHM identified in section 7711.1(f)(3) (relating to
- 30 registration of snowmobile [or]_ ATV or OHM) unless:

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2 (2) There is displayed on the snowmobile a valid
3 registration decal or on the ATV <u>or OHM</u> a valid registration
4 plate issued pursuant to subsection (b).

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- 6 (b) Issuance.--Upon receipt of an application therefor upon
- 7 a form prescribed and furnished by the department which shall
- 8 contain information reasonably required by the department, the
- 9 department shall issue to the owner of a snowmobile [or] ATV or
- 10 OHM for which limited registration is required under subsection
- 11 (a):
- 12 (1) A limited registration certificate containing the
- registration number for the snowmobile [or]_ ATV or OHM.
- 14 (2) A registration decal displaying the registration
- number for a snowmobile or a registration plate displaying
- the registration number for an ATV or OHM.
- 17 * * *
- 18 (d) Transfer of ownership. -- Upon transfer of ownership of a
- 19 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM for which a limited registration
- 20 certificate has been issued, the limited registration
- 21 certificate shall become invalid. The transferor shall, within
- 22 15 days from the date of transfer, return to the department the
- 23 limited registration certificate with the date of transfer and
- 24 the name and address of the new owner endorsed on the back. The
- 25 registration decal or plate shall not be removed from the
- 26 snowmobile [or] $_{\boldsymbol{L}}$ ATV or OHM upon transfer to the new owner and
- 27 is invalid until the new owner obtains a registration
- 28 certificate or limited registration certificate for the
- 29 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM.
- 30 * * *

- 1 § 7712.1. Certificate of title for snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM.
- 2 (a) General rule. -- Except as otherwise provided in
- 3 subsection (b), an owner of a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM which
- 4 is in this Commonwealth and for which no certificate of title
- 5 has been issued shall apply to the department for a certificate
- 6 of title.
- 7 (b) Exemptions from titling. -- No certificate of title is
- 8 required for:
- 9 (1) A snowmobile [or] Δ ATV or OHM that was registered
- 10 prior to the effective date of this section.
- 11 (2) A snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM owned by the United
- 12 States unless a general registration certificate has been
- issued therefor.
- 14 (3) A new snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM owned by a dealer
- 15 before and until sale.
- 16 (4) A snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM owned by a nonresident
- of this Commonwealth and not required by law to be registered
- in this Commonwealth.
- 19 (5) A snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM owned by a resident of
- 20 this Commonwealth and required by law to be registered in
- 21 another state, based and used principally outside of this
- 22 Commonwealth and not required by law to be registered in this
- 23 Commonwealth.
- 24 (6) A non-street legal OHM purchased after the enactment
- of this subsection.
- 26 (c) Contents of application. -- Application for a certificate
- 27 of title shall be made upon a form prescribed and furnished by
- 28 the department and shall contain a full description of the
- 29 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM, date of purchase, the name and
- 30 address of the owner, a statement of the title of applicant,

- 1 together with any other information or documents the department
- 2 requires to identify the snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM and to
- 3 enable the department to determine whether the owner is entitled
- 4 to a certificate of title.
- 5 (d) Signing and filing of application. -- Application for a
- 6 certificate of title shall be made within 15 days of the sale or
- 7 transfer of a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM or its entry into this
- 8 Commonwealth from another jurisdiction, whichever is later. The
- 9 application shall be accompanied by the required fee and any tax
- 10 payable by the applicant under the laws of this Commonwealth in
- 11 connection with the acquisition or use of a snowmobile [or]_ ATV
- 12 or OHM or evidence to show that the tax has been paid or
- 13 collected. The application shall be signed and verified by oath
- 14 or affirmation by the applicant if a natural person; in the case
- 15 of an association or partnership, by a member or a partner; and
- 16 in the case of a corporation, by an executive officer or person
- 17 specifically authorized by the corporation to sign the
- 18 application.
- 19 (g) Registration without certificate of title prohibited. --
- 20 Except as provided in subsection (b), the department shall not
- 21 issue a registration certificate or limited registration
- 22 certificate for a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM or a vintage
- 23 snowmobile permit for a vintage snowmobile unless a certificate
- 24 of title has been issued by the department to the owner or an
- 25 application for a certificate of title has been delivered by the
- 26 owner to the department.
- 27 (h) Refusing issuance of certificate of title.--The
- 28 department may refuse issuance of a certificate of title if it
- 29 has reasonable grounds to believe any one of the following:
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- Any taxes payable under the laws of this 1 2 Commonwealth on or in connection with, or resulting from the
- 3 acquisition or use of, the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM have
- 4 not been paid.
- 5 The applicant is not the owner of the snowmobile 6 [or] ATV or OHM.

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- 8 (j) Transfer of ownership of snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM. --
- 9 Upon the sale or transfer of ownership of a 10 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM within this Commonwealth, the 11 owner shall execute an assignment and warranty of title to 12 the transferee in the space provided on the certificate of
- title or as the department prescribes, sworn to before a
- 14 notary public or other officer empowered to administer oaths,
- 15 and deliver the certificate to the transferee at the time of
- 16 the delivery of the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM.
- 17 Except as otherwise provided in section 7715.1
- 18 (relating to snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM purchased from
- 19 dealer), the transferee shall, within 15 days of the
- 20 assignment of the certificate of title, apply for a new title
- 21 by forwarding to the department the certificate of title
- 22 executed as required by paragraph (1), a properly completed
- 23 application for certificate of title, sworn to before a
- 24 notary public or other officer empowered to administer oaths,
- 25 and such other forms as the department may require.
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- § 7712.2. Transfer to or from dealer. 27
- 28 (a) Transfer to dealer.--If a dealer acquires a snowmobile
- 29 [or], ATV or OHM for the purpose of resale, a certificate of
- title need not be applied for as provided for in section 7712.1 30

- 1 (relating to certificate of title for snowmobile [or], ATV or
- 2 OHM), but the dealer shall, within seven days from the date of
- 3 acquisition, forward to the department, upon a form prescribed
- 4 and furnished by the department, notification of the acquisition
- 5 of the snowmobile [or]_ ATV or OHM.
- 6 (b) Execution and display of notice of transfer. -- A dealer
- 7 making notification pursuant to subsection (a) shall execute at
- 8 least three copies of the notification, the original of which
- 9 shall be forwarded to the department, one copy to accompany the
- 10 snowmobile [or]_ ATV or OHM in any subsequent transfer and one
- 11 copy to be retained by the dealer for at least one year after a
- 12 subsequent transfer, to be exhibited, with the assigned
- 13 certificate of title, upon request of a police officer or
- 14 authorized department employee.
- 15 (c) Transfer from dealer.--Except as otherwise provided in
- 16 subsection (a), if a dealer transfers the dealer's interest in a
- 17 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM:
- 18 * * *
- (d) Exception for repossessed snowmobiles [or], ATV's or
- 20 OHM's. -- This section does not apply to a snowmobile [or], ATV or
- 21 OHM repossessed upon default of performance of a lease, contract
- 22 of conditional sale or similar agreement.
- 23 * * *
- 24 § 7712.3. Transfer of snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM by operation
- of law.
- 26 (a) General rule.--If the interest of an owner in a
- 27 snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM passes to another other than by
- 28 voluntary transfer, the transferee shall, except as otherwise
- 29 provided, promptly mail or deliver to the department the last
- 30 certificate of title, if available, and shall apply for a new

- 1 certificate of title on a form prescribed and furnished by the
- 2 department. The application shall be accompanied by such
- 3 instruments or documents of authority, or certified copies
- 4 thereof, as may be sufficient or required by law to evidence or
- 5 effect a transfer of title or interest in or to chattels in such
- 6 case.
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- 8 (c) Surrender of certificate. -- A person holding a
- 9 certificate of title, whose interest in a snowmobile [or]_ ATV
- 10 or OHM has been extinguished or transferred other than by
- 11 voluntary transfer, shall immediately surrender the certificate
- 12 of title to the person to whom the right to possession of the
- 13 snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM has passed. Upon request of the
- 14 department, such person shall mail or deliver the certificate to
- 15 the department. Delivery of the certificate pursuant to the
- 16 request of the department does not affect the rights of the
- 17 person surrendering the certificate.
- 18 § 7712.5. Issuance of new certificate following transfer.
- 19 * * *
- 20 (c) Filing and retention of surrendered certificate. -- The
- 21 department shall file and retain for five years a surrendered
- 22 certificate of title, or a copy, in such a manner as to permit
- 23 the tracing of title of the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM.
- 24 § 7712.6. Suspension and cancellation of certificate of title.
- 25 (a) Return of new snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM. -- The
- 26 department may cancel the certificate of title issued for a new
- 27 snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM if it is shown by satisfactory
- 28 evidence that the snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM has been returned
- 29 to the dealer from whom obtained.
- 30 (b) Snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM sold to nonresidents. -- The

- 1 department may cancel a certificate of title for a snowmobile
- 2 [or], ATV or OHM sold to a resident of another state or foreign
- 3 country if the snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM is to be registered
- 4 in the other jurisdiction.
- 5 * * *
- 6 § 7712.7. Application for certificate of title by agent.
- 7 (a) Authorization to apply. -- No person may apply for a
- 8 certificate of title on behalf of another person unless
- 9 authorization to do so is in effect and is verified by oath or
- 10 affirmation of the other person, made, except as between lessors
- 11 and fleet owners as lessees, not more than 15 days before the
- 12 application is received by the department. A lessor may
- 13 authorize a fleet owner to apply for a certificate of title for
- 14 a leased snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM for a period of up to one
- 15 year.
- 16 * * *
- 17 (c) Persons authorized to hold certificate. -- No person may
- 18 receive, obtain or hold a certificate of title recorded in the
- 19 name of another person for the other person who is not in the
- 20 regular employ of, or not a member of the family of, the other
- 21 person, unless the person receiving, obtaining or holding the
- 22 certificate of title has a valid undischarged security interest
- 23 recorded in the department against the snowmobile [or], ATV or
- 24 OHM represented by the certificate of title.
- 25 * * *
- 26 § 7712.8. Perfection of security interest in a snowmobile [or],
- 27 ATV or OHM.
- 28 (a) Applicability of section. -- Except as otherwise provided
- 29 in 13 Pa.C.S. §§ 9311(d) (relating to perfection of security
- 30 interests in property subject to certain statutes, regulations

- 1 and treaties), 9315(c) and (d) (relating to secured party's
- 2 rights on disposition of collateral and in proceeds) and 9316(d)
- 3 and (e) (relating to effect of change in governing law), this
- 4 section provides the exclusive method of perfecting a security
- 5 interest in a snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM for which a
- 6 certificate of title is required under this subchapter.
- 7 (b) Snowmobiles [or], ATV's or OHM's without Pennsylvania
- 8 certificate of title. -- If an owner creates a security interest
- 9 in a snowmobile [or] $_{\boldsymbol{L}}$ ATV or OHM for which a certificate of
- 10 title has not been issued by the department, the owner shall, at
- 11 the request of the secured party, promptly execute an
- 12 application for a certificate of title on a form prescribed by
- 13 the department showing the name and address of the secured
- 14 party. The owner shall tender the application, the existing
- 15 certificate of title, if any, and the required fee to the
- 16 department. A security interest in a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM
- 17 is perfected at the time that such application, existing
- 18 certificate of title, if any, and required fee are received by
- 19 the department.
- 20 (c) Snowmobiles [or], ATV's or OHM's with Pennsylvania
- 21 certificate of title. -- If an owner creates a security interest
- 22 in a snowmobile [or] _ ATV or OHM for which a certificate of
- 23 title has been issued by the department, the owner shall, at the
- 24 request of the secured party, promptly execute an application on
- 25 a form prescribed by the department showing the name and address
- 26 of the secured party. The owner shall tender the certificate of
- 27 title, together with the application and the required fee, to
- 28 the department. A security interest in a snowmobile [or], ATV or
- 29 OHM is perfected at the time such application, certificate of
- 30 title and required fee are received by the department.

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- 2 § 7712.9. Satisfaction of security interest.
- 3 (a) Satisfaction of secured obligation. -- Unless otherwise
- 4 agreed by the owner, within 15 days of the satisfaction of the
- 5 obligation secured by a security interest in a snowmobile [or]___
- 6 ATV or OHM, the secured party shall mail or deliver the
- 7 certificate of title to the owner or to the department with a
- 8 statement of satisfaction signed by the secured party. Upon
- 9 receipt of the certificate of title and statement of
- 10 satisfaction, the department shall issue a corrected certificate
- 11 of title without an indorsement of such secured party's security
- 12 interest and mail the same to the holder of the first remaining
- 13 security interest or, if there is no remaining security
- 14 interest, the owner.
- 15 (b) Satisfaction of subordinate secured obligation. -- If the
- 16 certificate of title for a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM is in the
- 17 possession of a prior secured party, the subordinate secured
- 18 party whose obligation is satisfied shall mail or deliver to the
- 19 owner a signed statement of satisfaction in accordance with
- 20 subsection (a). Upon request of the owner and receipt of the
- 21 statement of satisfaction, the secured party in possession of
- 22 the certificate of title shall mail or deliver the certificate
- 23 of title, together with the statement of satisfaction, to the
- 24 department. Upon receipt of the certificate of title and
- 25 evidence of satisfaction, the department shall issue a corrected
- 26 certificate of title without an indorsement of the satisfied
- 27 security interest and mail the same to the prior secured party.
- 28 * * *
- 29 § 7712.10. Release of security interest.
- 30 A secured party that releases a security interest in a

- 1 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM shall mail or deliver the
- 2 certificate of title to the owner with a statement of release
- 3 signed by the secured party, or the secured party may apply to
- 4 the department for a corrected certificate of title to be issued
- 5 in the name of the owner. Upon receipt of the certificate of
- 6 title and statement of release, the department shall issue a
- 7 corrected certificate of title without an indorsement of such
- 8 secured party and mail the same to the holder of the first
- 9 remaining security interest or, if there is no remaining secured
- 10 party, the owner.
- 11 § 7712.12. Assignment by secured party of security interest.
- 12 (a) General rule. -- A secured party may assign, absolutely or
- 13 otherwise, his security interest in a snowmobile [or], ATV or
- 14 OHM to a person other than the owner without affecting the
- 15 interest of the owner or the validity or perfection of the
- 16 security interest.
- 17 * * *
- 18 § 7712.13. Exemptions.
- 19 The provisions of this subchapter relating to procedures for
- 20 perfecting, assigning and satisfying security interests do not
- 21 apply to:
- 22 (1) a lien given by statute or rule of law to a supplier
- of services or materials for the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM;
- 24 (2) a lien given by statute to the United States, the
- 25 Commonwealth or any political subdivision of the
- 26 Commonwealth;
- 27 (3) a security interest in a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM
- described in 13 Pa.C.S. § 9311(d) (relating to perfection of
- 29 security interests in property subject to certain statutes,
- 30 regulations and treaties); or

- 1 (4) a snowmobile $[or]_{L}$ ATV or OHM for which a
- 2 certificate of title is not required under this subchapter.
- 3 Section 7. Section 7715.1 heading and (a) of Title 75 are
- 4 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
- 5 read:
- 6 § 7715.1. Snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM purchased from dealer.
- 7 (a) General rule.--If a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM is
- 8 purchased from a dealer, the dealer shall mail or deliver to the
- 9 department an application for a registration certificate or
- 10 limited registration certificate, an application for certificate
- 11 of title, any other required forms and the required fees within
- 12 15 days of the date of purchase.
- 13 (a.1) Except as provided in subsection (a), a dealer will
- 14 <u>submit to the department an application for a registration</u>
- 15 <u>certificate or limited registration certificate</u>, an application
- 16 for certificate of title, any other required forms and the
- 17 required fees only if requested by the purchaser of an non-
- 18 <u>street legal OHM.</u>
- 19 * * *
- Section 8. Sections 7715.2(a)(5) and (b) introductory
- 21 paragraph, 7716(1) and (2), 7717 heading, (a), (b)(1) and (2)
- 22 and (f) and 7721(a), (b) introductory paragraph and (c)
- 23 introductory paragraph and (2) of Title 75 are amended to read:
- 24 § 7715.2. Fees.
- 25 (a) Fees.--Except as provided in subsection (b), the
- 26 department shall collect the following fees:
- 27 * * *
- 28 (5) Transfer of registration pursuant to section 7711.1
- 29 (relating to registration of snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM),
- 30 \$5.

- 1 * * *
- 2 (b) Exemptions from fees. -- Subsection (a) does not apply to
- 3 a snowmobile [or] _ ATV or OHM owned by:
- 4 * * *
- 5 § 7716. Records.
- 6 The department shall maintain a record, which shall be made
- 7 available to all enforcement agencies, of:
- 8 (1) The registration number for each snowmobile [and],__
- 9 ATV and OHM for which a registration certificate or limited
- 10 registration certificate is issued.
- 11 (2) The name and address of the owner of each snowmobile
- 12 [and], ATV and OHM for which a registration certificate or
- 13 limited registration certificate is issued.
- 14 * * *
- 15 § 7717. Snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM Advisory Committee.
- 16 (a) Establishment. -- There is hereby established under the
- 17 jurisdiction of the department a board known as the Snowmobile
- 18 [and] ATV and OHM Advisory Committee.
- 19 (b) Composition. -- The committee shall consist of 17 members.
- 20 The members shall be as follows:
- 21 (1) The chairman and minority chairman of the
- [Environmental Resources and Energy Committee] Community,
- 23 <u>Economic and Recreational Development Committee</u> of the
- 24 Senate.
- 25 (2) The chairman and minority chairman of the
- 26 [Environmental Resources and Energy Committee] <u>Tourism and</u>
- 27 <u>Recreational Development Committee</u> of the House of
- 28 Representatives.
- 29 * * *
- 30 (f) Powers and duties. -- The powers and duties of the

- 1 committee shall be to advise the Secretary of Conservation and
- 2 Natural Resources on matters concerning the implementation of
- 3 this chapter, including existing and proposed regulations,
- 4 standards, policies, guidelines and practices; use and operation
- 5 of snowmobiles [and], ATV's and OHM's on public and private
- 6 land; acquisition, construction, development and maintenance of
- 7 trails; enforcement; and allocation of fees collected by the
- 8 department pursuant to this chapter.
- 9 § 7721. Operation on streets and highways.
- 10 (a) General rule. -- Except as otherwise provided in this
- 11 chapter, it is unlawful to operate a snowmobile [or an], ATV or
- 12 OHM on any street or highway which is not designated and posted
- 13 as a snowmobile or an ATV or OHM road by the governmental agency
- 14 having jurisdiction.
- 15 (b) Emergency and bridge crossings. -- A snowmobile [or], an
- 16 ATV or an OHM may be operated on highways and streets:
- 17 * * *
- 18 (c) Crossing street or highway. -- A snowmobile [or] an ATV
- 19 or an OHM may make a direct crossing of a street or highway upon
- 20 compliance with the following requirements:
- 21 * * *
- 22 (2) The snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM is brought to a
- complete stop before crossing the shoulder or main-traveled
- 24 way of the highway.
- 25 * * *
- 26 Section 9. Section 7722 heading, (a) and (c) of Title 75 are
- 27 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
- 28 read:
- 29 § 7722. Designation of snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM roads.
- 30 (a) General rule. -- The Department of Transportation on

- 1 State-designated highways and local authorities on any highway,
- 2 road or street within its jurisdiction may designate any
- 3 highway, road or street within its jurisdiction as a snowmobile
- 4 road, an ATV road[, or both,] or an OHM road and may, in its
- 5 discretion, determine whether such road shall be closed to
- 6 vehicular traffic or whether snowmobiles [and]_ ATV's and OHM's_
- 7 may share this designated road with vehicular traffic.
- 8 <u>(a.1) State forest land.--If a local authority designates a</u>
- 9 <u>roadway within its jurisdiction as open for snowmobile, ATV or</u>
- 10 OHM use or a combination, and the roadway is adjacent to or
- 11 adjoining State forest land, the department shall make roads and
- 12 trails in that forest available for the use of vehicles
- 13 regulated under this chapter.
- 14 * * *
- 15 (c) Liability. -- There shall be no liability imposed on the
- 16 Department of Transportation or any other State agency or any
- 17 political subdivision of this Commonwealth as a result of
- 18 designating any highway, road or street as a snowmobile road
- 19 [or], an ATV road or an OHM road as provided in subsection (a).
- 20 Section 10. Sections 7723 and 7724(a) and (b)(1) and (2)(i),
- 21 (ii) introductory paragraph and (B) of Title 75 are amended to
- 22 read:
- 23 § 7723. Special snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM events.
- 24 (a) General rule. -- Snowmobiles [and], ATV's and OHM's may be
- 25 operated on highways and streets for special snowmobile [and],
- 26 ATV and OHM events of limited duration which are conducted
- 27 according to a prearranged schedule under permit from the
- 28 governmental agency having jurisdiction.
- 29 (b) Authority of local authorities. -- A local authority may
- 30 block off highways and streets within its jurisdiction for the

- 1 purpose of allowing snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM races, rallies
- 2 or derbies. No State trunk highway or connecting street, or part
- 3 thereof, shall be blocked off by any local authority for any
- 4 snowmobile [or], ATV and OHM race, rally or derby.
- 5 (c) Notification and duty of police. -- A local authority
- 6 shall notify the local police department and the county
- 7 sheriff's office at least one week in advance of the time and
- 8 place of any snowmobile [or], ATV and OHM race, rally or derby
- 9 which may result in any highway or street, or part thereof,
- 10 being blocked off. Upon such notice, the local police department
- 11 shall take such measures as it deems appropriate to protect
- 12 persons and property and to regulate traffic in the designated
- 13 area and its vicinity on the day of such race, rally or derby.
- 14 § 7724. Operation on private or State property.
- 15 (a) Private real property.--
- 16 (1) No person shall operate a snowmobile [or], an ATV or
- 17 <u>an OHM</u> on private real property without the consent of the
- owner thereof. Any person operating a snowmobile [or] an ATV
- or an OHM upon lands of another shall stop and identify
- 20 himself upon the request of the landowner or his duly
- 21 authorized representatives and, if requested to do so by the
- landowner, shall promptly remove the snowmobile [or], ATV or
- 23 OHM from the premises.
- (2) When a person operates a snowmobile [or], an ATV or
- 25 an OHM in a manner as to violate section 3717 (relating to
- trespass by motor vehicle), the applicable fines, penalties
- 27 and suspensions provided in this title for violation of
- section 3717 shall apply to this subsection.
- 29 (b) State property.--
- 30 (1) No person shall operate a snowmobile [or], an ATV or

- $\underline{\text{an OHM}}$ on State-owned property except on clearly marked and
- 2 previously designated snowmobile or ATV routes or as
- 3 expressly permitted by the Commonwealth.
- 4 (2) (i) The department may designate any road within a
- 5 State Park or State Forest over which the department has
- jurisdiction as a snowmobile road [or], an ATV road[,
- both,] or an OHM road and may, in its discretion,
- 8 determine whether the road shall be closed to vehicular
- 9 traffic or whether snowmobiles [and]_ ATV's <u>and OHM's</u> may
- share the designated road with vehicular traffic.
- 11 Adequate notices of such designation and determination
- shall be sufficiently and prominently displayed.
- 13 (ii) No person shall operate a snowmobile [or]_ ATV
- or OHM on State park or State forest land except as
- 15 follows:
- 16 * * *
- 17 (B) A person may operate a Class I ATV $\underline{\text{or OHM}}$ on
- 18 a road, trail or area that is designated and marked
- by the department as open for ATV or OHM use or on
- 20 which the person has been given specific written
- 21 permission to operate the ATV or OHM.
- 22 * * *
- 23 Section 11. Section 7725(a), (b.1), (e), (f), (g), (h) and
- 24 (i) of Title 75 are amended and the section is amended by adding
- 25 a subsection to read:
- 26 § 7725. Operation by persons under age sixteen.
- 27 (a) Crossing street or highway. -- No person under 16 years of
- 28 age shall drive a snowmobile [or] an ATV or an OHM across any
- 29 highway or connecting street thereto unless he is under the
- 30 direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older and

- 1 unless he holds a valid and appropriate safety certificate from
- 2 the Commonwealth or a valid and approved certificate issued
- 3 under the authority of another state or Province of Canada. The
- 4 department shall determine what certificates will be approved.
- 5 * * *
- 6 (b.1) ATV size restrictions. -- No person shall operate an ATV
- 7 bearing a certification label conforming to ANSI/SVIA 1 2010,
- 8 or later published version, in violation of the age
- 9 recommendation warning label affixed by the manufacturer. An ATV
- 10 not bearing a certification label conforming to ANSI/SVIA 1 -
- 11 2010, or later published version, operated in this Commonwealth
- 12 by a person eight or nine years of age shall have an engine size
- 13 of 70cc or less.
- 14 * * *
- 15 (e) Permitting unauthorized operation. -- No owner of a
- 16 snowmobile [or], an ATV or an OHM shall authorize or permit the
- 17 operation thereof within this Commonwealth by any person under
- 18 16 years of age unless the person under 16 years of age is the
- 19 holder of a valid and appropriate safety certificate, or except
- 20 as authorized in subsections (b), (b.2) and (c).
- 21 (f) Certification of [snowmobile] safety instructors.--The
- 22 department may certify [snowmobile or ATV] safety instructors to
- 23 act as its agents in conducting classes and examinations and
- 24 issuing [snowmobile or ATV] safety certificates in its name.
- 25 (g) Operation on snowmobile [and]_ ATV and OHM roads.--No
- 26 person under 16 years of age may operate a snowmobile [or], an
- 27 ATV or an OHM on streets or highways designated under section
- 28 7722 (relating to designation of snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM
- 29 roads) as open to snowmobile [or]_ ATV or OHM and vehicular
- 30 traffic. A person under 16 years of age who holds the

- 1 appropriate safety certificate may operate a snowmobile [or]_ an
- 2 ATV or an OHM on roads designated under section 7724(b)
- 3 (relating to operation on private or State property) as open to
- 4 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM and vehicular traffic, provided he
- 5 is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or
- 6 older.
- 7 (h) Snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM safety program. -- The
- 8 department shall implement a comprehensive snowmobile [and]_ ATV
- 9 <u>and OHM</u> information, safety education and training program which
- 10 shall include the preparation and dissemination of information
- 11 and safety advice to the public and training of operators. The
- 12 program shall provide for the training of youthful operators and
- 13 others who wish to receive training. It shall also provide for
- 14 the issuance of snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM safety certificates
- 15 to those who successfully complete the training provided under
- 16 the program.
- 17 (h.1) Exemption from liability. -- A public or private owner
- 18 of real property who authorizes the use of the owner's real_
- 19 property for the purpose of a snowmobile, ATV or OHM safety
- 20 education and training program shall not be held civilly liable
- 21 for any injury or death to a person or damage to property that
- 22 <u>may occur during the course or instruction or training except</u>
- 23 <u>for willful or malicious failure to warn against a dangerous</u>
- 24 <u>condition</u>, use, structure or activity.
- 25 (i) Cooperation with other organizations. -- In implementing a
- 26 program which is established under this section, the department
- 27 shall cooperate with private organizations and associations,
- 28 private and public corporations, the Department of Education and
- 29 local governmental units. The department shall consult with
- 30 snowmobile, ATV, OHM and environmental organizations and

- 1 associations in regard to subject matter of a training program
- 2 that leads to certification of snowmobile [and], ATV and OHM
- 3 operators.
- 4 Section 12. Sections 7726(a) introductory paragraph, (b) and
- 5 (c) introductory paragraph, (2) and (5), 7727, 7728, 7729(a) and
- 6 7730(a), (b) and (c) of Title 75 are amended to read:
- 7 § 7726. Operation in safe manner.
- 8 (a) General rule. -- No person shall operate a snowmobile
- 9 [or], an ATV or an OHM in any of the following ways:
- 10 * * *
- 11 (b) Permitting unsafe operation. -- No owner or other person
- 12 having charge or control of a snowmobile [or], an ATV or an OHM
- 13 shall knowingly authorize or permit the operation of the
- 14 snowmobile [or] ATV or OHM by any person who is incapable to do
- 15 so by reason of age, physical or mental disability, or who is
- 16 under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance.
- 17 (c) Operation on highways and streets open to snowmobiles
- 18 [or], ATV's or OHM's and vehicular traffic. -- No person shall
- 19 operate a snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM in any of the following
- 20 ways on highways and streets open to snowmobiles [or], ATV's or
- 21 OHM's and vehicular traffic:
- 22 * * *
- 23 (2) Ride two snowmobiles [or], ATV's or OHM's abreast.
- 24 Snowmobiles [and], ATV's and OHM's shall be operated in
- 25 single file except when overtaking another vehicle. The
- 26 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
- driver overtaking the passing upon the right of another

- 1 vehicle which is making or about to make a left turn. The
- 2 driver of a vehicle shall not drive to the left side of the
- 3 center of a highway in overtaking or passing another vehicle
- 4 proceeding in the same direction, unless the left side is
- 5 clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a
- 6 sufficient distance ahead to permit the overtaking or passing
- 7 to be made in safety.
- 8 * * *
- 9 (5) Without a securely fastened helmet on the head of an
- individual who operates or is a passenger on a snowmobile
- [or] ATV or OHM or who is being towed or otherwise propelled
- by a snowmobile. The department shall specify the types of
- 13 helmets allowed through rules and regulations.
- 14 § 7727. Additional limitations on operation.
- 15 Except as otherwise permitted under Title 34 (relating to
- 16 game), no person shall:
- 17 (1) Operate or ride in any snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM
- 18 with any bow and arrows or with any firearm in his possession
- 19 unless it is unstrung or unloaded.
- 20 (2) Drive or pursue any game or wildlife with a
- 21 snowmobile [or], an ATV or an OHM.
- 22 § 7728. Accidents and accident reports.
- 23 (a) Duty to stop and provide information. -- Whenever any
- 24 snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM is involved in an accident resulting
- 25 in loss of life, personal injury or damage to property and the
- 26 operator thereof has knowledge of such accident, he shall stop
- 27 and give his name and address, the name and address of the owner
- 28 thereof and the registration number of the snowmobile [or]_ ATV
- 29 or OHM to the injured person or the person sustaining the damage
- 30 or to a police officer. In case no police officer nor the person

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

- 1 damage is sustained in sanctioned snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM
- 2 races, derbies and rallies.
- 3 § 7729. Liability of owner for negligence.
- 4 (a) General rule. -- Negligence in the use or operation of a
- 5 snowmobile [or], an ATV or an OHM is attributable to the owner.
- 6 Every owner of a snowmobile [or], an ATV or an OHM used or
- 7 operated in this Commonwealth shall be liable and responsible
- 8 for death or injury to person or damage to property resulting
- 9 from negligence in the use or operation of such snowmobile [or]___
- 10 ATV or OHM by any person using or operating the snowmobile [or],
- 11 ATV or OHM with the permission, express or implied, of such
- 12 owner.
- 13 * * *
- 14 § 7730. Liability insurance.
- 15 (a) Requirement. -- A snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM for which
- 16 registration is required under this chapter shall have liability
- insurance coverage for the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM issued by
- 18 an insurance carrier authorized to do business in this
- 19 Commonwealth. This subsection does not apply to limited
- 20 registrations.
- 21 (b) Proof of insurance. -- Proof of insurance as required by
- 22 this section shall be produced and displayed by the owner or
- 23 operator of such snowmobile [or] _ ATV or OHM upon the request of
- 24 any magistrate or any person having authority to enforce the
- 25 provisions of this chapter or to any person who has suffered or
- 26 claims to have suffered either personal injury or property
- 27 damage as a result of the operation of such snowmobile [or]_ ATV
- 28 or OHM. It shall be an affirmative defense to any prosecution
- 29 for a violation of this section that such proof was so produced
- 30 within 72 hours of receiving notice of such violation, injury or

- 1 damage or the claim of such injury or damage.
- 2 (c) Owner's responsibility. -- No owner of a snowmobile [or],
- 3 ATV or OHM shall operate or permit the same to be operated
- 4 without having in full force and effect liability insurance
- 5 coverage required by this section. The operator of a snowmobile
- 6 [or], ATV or OHM shall carry proof of insurance on his person or
- 7 on the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM when it is in operation.
- 8 * * *
- 9 Section 13. Section 7741(a) and (b) of Title 75 are amended
- 10 and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:
- 11 § 7741. Head lamps and tail lamps.
- 12 (a) Time of operation. -- Every snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM
- 13 operated during hours of darkness shall display a lighted head
- 14 lamp and tail lamp. The lights shall be in operation during the
- 15 period of from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour
- 16 before sunrise and at any time when, due to insufficient light
- 17 or unfavorable atmospheric conditions caused by fog or
- 18 otherwise, other persons, vehicles and other objects are not
- 19 clearly discernible for a distance of 500 feet ahead.
- 20 (b) Head lamp requirements. -- The head lamp shall display
- 21 white light of sufficient illuminating power to reveal any
- 22 person, vehicle or substantial object at a distance of 100 feet
- 23 ahead.
- 24 (1) If the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM is equipped with
- a multiple beam head lamp, the upper beam shall meet the
- 26 minimum requirements set forth in this section and the
- lowermost beam shall be so aimed and of sufficient intensity
- to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 50
- 29 feet ahead.
- 30 (2) If the snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM is equipped with

- a single beam head lamp, the lamp shall be so aimed that when
- 2 the vehicle is loaded none of the high intensity portion of
- 3 the light, at a distance of 75 feet ahead, projects higher
- 4 than the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes.
- 5 * * *
- 6 (d) Construction. -- Nothing in this section shall be
- 7 construed to require that an OHM be equipped with head lamps or
- 8 <u>tail lamps as a requirement of sale.</u>
- 9 Section 14. Sections 7742(b), 7743(a) and (b), 7751(b) and
- 10 (d) and 7752(d)(1) of Title 75 are amended to read:
- 11 § 7742. Brakes.
- 12 * * *
- 13 (b) ATV's and OHM's.--It is unlawful to operate an ATV or an
- 14 OHM which is not equipped with a braking system which may be
- 15 operated by hand or foot, capable of producing deceleration of
- 16 14 feet per second on level ground at a speed of 20 miles per
- 17 hour, and the design must permit simple and easy adjustment to
- 18 compensate for wear.
- 19 § 7743. Mufflers and sound control.
- 20 (a) General rule. -- It is unlawful to operate a snowmobile
- 21 [or], an ATV or an OHM which is not equipped at all times with a
- 22 muffler in good working order which blends the exhaust sound
- 23 into the overall snowmobile [or] $_{\boldsymbol{L}}$ ATV or OHM sound and is in
- 24 constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual [noise]
- 25 <u>sound</u>. The exhaust system shall not emit or produce a sharp
- 26 popping or crackling sound. The sound intensity produced by a
- 27 snowmobile shall not exceed 82dbA when measured in accordance
- 28 with SAE Recommended Practice J 192 Exterior Sound Level for
- 29 Snowmobiles, as amended. The department may by regulation adopt
- 30 more stringent [noise] sound requirements for snowmobiles. The

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

- 1 violations.
- 2 § 7752. Penalties for violation of chapter.
- 3 * * *
- 4 (d) Registration.--
- 5 (1) A person who violates section 7711.1 (relating to
- 6 registration of snowmobile [or], ATV or OHM) or 7711.2
- 7 (relating to limited registration of snowmobile [or], ATV or
- 8 OHM) by failing to obtain the required registration
- 9 certificate or limited registration certificate commits a
- summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to
- 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
- 14 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.
- 17 * * *
- 18 Section 15. This act shall take effect as follows:
- 19 (1) The following shall take effect immediately:
- 20 (i) The amendment of 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 7717 and 7722.
- 21 (ii) This section.
- 22 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60
- days.