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House Bill 5087 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Joel Sheltrown

House Committee: Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources

Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 811 (Off-Road Recreation Vehicles) to revise the definitions of "ORV" ("off-road recreation vehicle") and "ATV" ("all-terrain vehicle") to include six-wheeled vehicles, and increase the maximum size of an ATV engine.

Under Part 811, "ORV" means a motor-driven off-road recreation vehicle capable of cross-country travel without benefit of a road or trail, on or immediately over land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain. Among other vehicles, the term includes an ATV and a motorcycle or related two-, three-, or four-wheeled vehicle. Under the bill, it also would include a related six-wheeled vehicle.

Currently, "ATV" means a three- or four-wheeled vehicle designed for off-road use that has low-pressure tires and a seat designed to be straddled by a rider, and is powered by a 50cc to 500cc gasoline engine or an engine of comparable size using other fuels. Under the bill, the term also would include a six-wheeled vehicle. In addition, the bill would increase the maximum engine size from 500cc to 1,000cc.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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