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H.B. No. 1646

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of all-terrain vehicle in the certificate of title and the motor vehicle registration laws.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 501.002(14), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(14) "Motor vehicle" means:

(A) any motor driven or propelled vehicle required to be registered under the laws of this state;

(B) a trailer or semitrailer, other than manufactured housing, that has a gross vehicle weight that exceeds 4,000 pounds;

(C) a house trailer;

(D) an [~~a four-wheel~~] all-terrain vehicle, as defined by Section 502.001, designed by the manufacturer for off-highway use that is not required to be registered under the laws of this state; or

(E) a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped that is not required to be registered under the laws of this state, other than a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped designed for and used exclusively on a golf course.

SECTION 2. Section 502.001(1), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "All-terrain vehicle" means a motor vehicle that

1 is:

2 (A) equipped with a saddle or bench for the use of
3 the rider;

4 (B) designed to propel itself with three or more
5 [~~four~~] tires in contact with the ground;

6 (C) designed by the manufacturer for off-highway
7 use by the operator only; and

8 (D) not designed by the manufacturer primarily
9 for farming or lawn care.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.