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H.B. No. 4677

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to motor vehicles; providing penalties.

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

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

(1) "Certificate of title" means a printed record of title ~~[an instrument]~~ issued under Section 501.021.

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

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

(A) equipped with a saddle, bench, or bucket seats for the use of:

(i) the rider; and

(ii) a passenger, if the motor vehicle is designed by the manufacturer to transport a passenger;

(B) designed to propel itself with three or more tires in contact with the ground; and

(C) designed by the manufacturer for off-highway use ~~[, and~~

~~[(D) not designed by the manufacturer primarily for farming or lawn care]~~.

SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 520, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 520.003 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 520.003. RULES. The department may adopt rules to
2 administer this chapter.

3 SECTION 4. Section 520.036, Transportation Code, is
4 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 520, Transportation Code, and
5 renumbered as Section 520.026, Transportation Code, to read as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 520.026 [~~520.036~~]. GENERAL PENALTY. (a) A person
8 commits an offense if the person violates this subchapter in a
9 manner for which a specific penalty is not provided.

10 (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor
11 punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$200.

12 SECTION 5. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies
13 only to an offense committed on or after September 1, 2009.

14 (b) An offense committed before September 1, 2009, is
15 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the
16 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
17 this subsection, an offense was committed before September 1, 2009,
18 if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

19 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.