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<u>activity.</u>

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Sec. 75E.003. POSTED WARNING. For the purposes of limitation of liability under Section 75E.002(a), a motorized off-road vehicle entity must post and maintain a sign in a clearly visible location at an entrance to a motorized off-road vehicle area. The sign must contain the following language: WARNING TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 75E, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE) LIMITS THE LIABILITY OF A MOTORIZED OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ENTITY FOR INJURIES OR DEATH OF A MOTORIZED OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ACTIVITY PARTICIPANT RESULTING FROM A MOTORIZED OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ACTIVITY.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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