

HCS HB 1124 -- MOTOR VEHICLES (Kolkmeyer)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Agriculture Policy

This bill changes the laws regarding all-terrain vehicles, recreational off-highway vehicles, and utility vehicles. Currently, an all-terrain vehicle and a recreational off-highway vehicle must have a seat designed to be straddled by the operator or a seat designed to carry more than one person and specific steering controls. The bill removes these requirements. The allowable width of a recreational off-highway vehicle is specified to be between 50 inches and 67 inches. The allowable width of a utility vehicle is specified to be between 50 inches and 67 inches and the maximum unladen dry weight is increased from 1,850 pounds to 2,000 pounds.

The bill also allows any woman who currently serves in any branch of the United States Armed Forces or was honorably discharged to apply for a special personalized license plate bearing the words "WOMAN VETERAN" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE" for any motor vehicle except a commercial vehicle weighing over 18,000 pounds.

To obtain this plate, a person must apply to the Director of the Department of Revenue, furnish proof of military service as the department director may require, and pay an additional \$15 fee. The plates are not transferable, but a registered co-owner may operate the vehicle with the plates for the duration of the year it is licensed in the event of the death of the qualified person.