

HB 2076 -- OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

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Currently, persons operating all-terrain vehicles pursuant to a municipal resolution or ordinance are required to maintain proof of financial responsibility in accordance with Section 303.160, RSMo, or maintain any other insurance policy providing equivalent liability coverage.

This bill repeals the part of the requirement that the operation be pursuant to a municipal resolution or ordinance and instead extends it to operation on a highway pursuant to any exception in Section 304.013.

The bill also requires operators of low-speed vehicles on highways to display lighted head and tail lamps, and requires operators and passengers in a low-speed vehicle to wear seat belts.

This bill removes the requirement that utility vehicles operated for agricultural purposes or industrial on-premise purposes as an exception to the highway operation prohibition must be operated between the official sunrise and sunset on the day of operation unless equipped with proper lighting.

Currently, persons operating utility vehicles pursuant to a municipal resolution or ordinance are required to maintain proof of financial responsibility in accordance with Section 303.160 or maintain any other insurance policy providing equivalent liability coverage.

The bill repeals the part of the requirement that the operation be pursuant to a municipal resolution or ordinance and instead extends it to operation on a highway pursuant to any exception in Section 304.032.

A utility vehicle operated on a highway pursuant to a statutory exception must be equipped with an equilateral triangular emblem mounted on the rear of the vehicle at least two feet above the roadway. The requirements for the emblem are set out in the bill.

Operators and passengers in a utility vehicle are required to wear seat belts, and no passenger can ride in an unenclosed bed or other area not designated for seating.

Persons operating recreational, off-highway vehicles upon highways must maintain proof of financial responsibility in accordance with Section 303.160 or maintain any other insurance policy providing equivalent liability coverage. Passengers are required to wear

seat belts, and no passenger can ride in an unenclosed bed or other area not designated for seating.