



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR ANY DRUG.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-227a of the 2006 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

4 (a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle while under the
5 influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or both. A person commits
6 the offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of
7 intoxicating liquor or any drug or both if such person operates a motor
8 vehicle [on a public highway of this state or on any road of a district
9 organized under the provisions of chapter 105, a purpose of which is
10 the construction and maintenance of roads and sidewalks, or on any
11 private road on which a speed limit has been established in accordance
12 with the provisions of section 14-218a, or in any parking area for ten or
13 more cars or on any school property] (1) while under the influence of
14 intoxicating liquor or any drug or both, or (2) while such person has an
15 elevated blood alcohol content. For the purposes of this section,

16 "elevated blood alcohol content" means a ratio of alcohol in the blood
17 of such person that is eight-hundredths of one per cent or more of
18 alcohol, by weight, and "motor vehicle" includes a snowmobile and all-
19 terrain vehicle, as those terms are defined in section 14-379.

20 Sec. 2. Section 14-386a of the general statutes is repealed and the
21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

22 No person shall operate a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle in the
23 following manner: (1) At an unreasonable or imprudent rate of speed
24 for existing conditions; (2) in a negligent manner so as to endanger any
25 person or property; or (3) while under the influence of intoxicating
26 liquor or any drug, [as defined by] or both, as provided in subsection
27 (a) of section 14-227a, as amended by this act. Any person who violates
28 [any provision] the provisions of subdivision (1) or (2) of this section,
29 or any regulation relating [hereto] thereto, shall be fined not more than
30 two hundred [and] fifty dollars for each offense. Any person who
31 violates the provisions of subdivision (3) of this section shall be subject
32 to the penalties set forth in section 14-227a, as amended by this act. In
33 addition thereto, the operator or owner, or both, of a snowmobile or
34 all-terrain vehicle, shall be responsible and held accountable to the
35 owner of any land where trees, shrubs, crops, fences or other property
36 have been damaged as a result of travel of such snowmobiles or all-
37 terrain vehicles over such land, or where consequential damage has
38 resulted from such travel. Proof of the registration number of the
39 snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle shall be prima facie evidence in any
40 prosecution or action for damages that the owner was the operator.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	14-227a(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	14-386a

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that persons who operate snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug

are subject to the same penalties as persons who operate automobiles while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug including the suspension of their motor vehicle operator's licenses, and to make the prohibition on operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug applicable regardless of where the motor vehicle is being operated.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]