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Proposed S.B. 715
**AN ACT CREATING A UNIVERSAL ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE REGISTRATION
SYSTEM**

Proposed S.B. 820
**AN ACT REQUIRING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND DIRT BIKES TO BE
REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TO REQUIRE
OPERATORS OF SUCH VEHICLES AND BIKES TO BE LICENSED BY THE
DEPARTMENT**

Proposed H.B. 5104
AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) appreciates the opportunity to discuss the registration of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).

State law, under Section 14-380, currently requires the registration of ATVs with DMV. However, state law exempts ATVs from being registered if they are operated on land owned or leased by the owner of the vehicle. There are about 3,720 ATVs currently registered in Connecticut.

Proposed S.B. 820 would require operators of dirt bikes to have a driver's license. It should be noted that a dirt bike appears to fall under the definition of a motorcycle. By requiring licensure, it can be assumed that the operator would be required to meet the standards for obtaining a motorcycle endorsement.

To be clear, there is no mechanism of enforcement for registration requirements of ATVs because they are typically not operated on public roadways. Additionally, there would be no mechanism to enforce the licensure of ATV operators for that same reason.