



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5141***

LCO No. 1021



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF A MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OR USE OF A DIRT BIKE, SNOWMOBILE OR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-390m of the 2014 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

4 (a) Any municipality that adopts an ordinance pursuant to section  
5 7-148 to regulate the operation and use on public property, including  
6 hours of use, of dirt bikes may prescribe a penalty for violation of such  
7 ordinance (1) in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars for a  
8 first violation, (2) in an amount not to exceed one thousand five  
9 hundred dollars for a second violation, and (3) (A) in an amount not to  
10 exceed two thousand dollars for a third or subsequent violation, or (B)  
11 to provide for the seizure and forfeiture to the municipality of such  
12 dirt bike for a third or subsequent violation, subject to any bona fide  
13 lien, lease or security interest in the dirt bike, including, but not limited  
14 to, a lien under section 14-66c.

15 (b) For the purposes of this section, "dirt bike" means a two-wheeled  
16 motorized recreational vehicle designed to travel over unimproved  
17 terrain and not designed for travel on a highway, as defined in section  
18 14-1. "Dirt bike" does not include an all-terrain vehicle, as defined in  
19 section 14-379, or a motor-driven cycle, as defined in section 14-1.

20 Sec. 2. Section 14-390 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes  
21 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
22 *October 1, 2014*):

23 Any municipality may, by ordinance, regulate the operation and  
24 use, including hours and zones of use, of snowmobiles and all-terrain  
25 vehicles in a manner not inconsistent with the provisions of sections  
26 14-379 to 14-390, inclusive, or any regulations adopted pursuant  
27 thereto, and may prescribe a penalty for violation of such ordinance (1)  
28 in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars for a first violation,  
29 (2) in an amount not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars for a  
30 second violation, and (3) (A) in an amount not to exceed two thousand  
31 dollars for a third or subsequent violation, or (B) to provide for the  
32 seizure and forfeiture to the municipality of such snowmobile or all-  
33 terrain vehicle for a third or subsequent violation, subject to any bona  
34 fide lien, lease or security interest in the snowmobile or all-terrain  
35 vehicle, including, but not limited to, a lien under section 14-66c.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                        |         |
| Section 1   | <i>October 1, 2014</i> | 14-390m |
| Sec. 2  | <i>October 1, 2014</i> | 14-390  |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To permit a municipality to adopt an ordinance regulating the use or operation of a dirt bike, snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle that provides for seizure and forfeiture of the dirt bike, snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle to the municipality for a third or subsequent violation.

*[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.]*