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**Testimony of the Judicial Branch
Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee Public Hearing
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S.B. 463, An Act Concerning the Penalty for Violations of a Municipal Ordinance Concerning the Operation of a Dirt Bike or All-Terrain Vehicle

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch regarding **S.B. 463, An Act Concerning the Penalty for Violations of a Municipal Ordinance Concerning the Operation of a Dirt Bike or All-Terrain Vehicle**. The Branch has several concerns with this bill as drafted.

Subsection (c) of Section 1 of the bill refers to a process by which the court may order the forfeiture of a dirt bike or all-terrain vehicle being used in violation of a municipal ordinance. It is not clear what "court" is referred to on line 25. If this is meant to be Superior Court, we would request clarification on whether the forfeiture process is meant to be a civil or criminal proceeding. If "court" is intended to mean a municipal tribunal, we would request that the bill so specify.

If "court" on line 25 is meant to be the Superior Court, it is then unclear how the appeal would also be taken to the Superior Court, as stated on line 38. If the appeal is to be brought to the Superior Court, we would note that the reference to the "appellate court" on line 42 creates confusion.

The Judicial Branch has additional concerns with this proposal, and we would be pleased to work with the Committee to address them.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this bill.