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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-1426

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1426

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a person with a valid driver's license may operate an all-terrain vehicle or off-highway motorcycle on a county, township, or road district highway in an unincorporated area outside an urban district.

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1 AN ACT concerning vehicles.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 11-1426 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-1426) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1426)

7 Sec. 11-1426. Operation of all-terrain vehicles and
8 off-highway motorcycles on streets, roads and highways.

9 (a) Except as provided under this Section, it shall be
10 unlawful for any person to drive or operate any all-terrain
11 vehicle or off-highway motorcycle upon any street, highway or
12 roadway in this State.

13 (b) Except as provided under subsection (c) of this
14 Section, all-terrain vehicles and off-highway motorcycles may
15 make a direct crossing provided:

16 (1) The crossing is made at an angle of approximately
17 90 degrees to the direction of the street, road or highway
18 and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and
19 safe crossing; and

20 (2) The all-terrain vehicle or off-highway motorcycle
21 is brought to a complete stop before attempting a crossing;
22 and

23 (3) The operator of the all-terrain vehicle or
24 off-highway motorcycle yields the right of way to all
25 pedestrian and vehicular traffic which constitutes a
26 hazard; and

27 (4) That when crossing a divided highway, the crossing
28 is made only at an intersection of the highway with another
29 public street, road, or highway; and

30 (5) That when accessing township roadways in counties
31 which contain a tract of the Shawnee National Forest, the
32 accessing complies with rules promulgated by the

1 Department of Natural Resources to govern the accessing.

2 (c) No person operating an all-terrain vehicle or
3 off-highway motorcycle shall make a direct crossing upon or
4 across any tollroad, interstate highway, or controlled access
5 highway in this State.

6 (d) The corporate authorities of a county, road district,
7 township, city, village, or incorporated town may adopt
8 ordinances or resolutions allowing all-terrain vehicles and
9 off-highway motorcycles to be operated on roadways under their
10 jurisdiction, designated by signs as may be prescribed by the
11 Department, when it is necessary to cross a bridge or culvert
12 or when it is impracticable to gain immediate access to an area
13 adjacent to a highway where an all-terrain vehicle or
14 off-highway motorcycle is to be operated. The crossing shall be
15 made in the same direction as traffic.

16 (e) The corporate authorities of a county, road district,
17 township, city, village, or incorporated town may adopt
18 ordinances or resolutions designating one or more specific
19 public highways or streets under their jurisdiction as egress
20 and ingress routes for the use of all-terrain vehicles and
21 off-highway motorcycles. Operation of all-terrain vehicles and
22 off-highway motorcycles on the routes shall be in the same
23 direction as traffic. Corporate authorities acting under the
24 authority of this subsection (e) shall erect and maintain
25 signs, as may be prescribed by the Department, giving proper
26 notice of the designation.

27 (f) A person holding a valid driver's license may operate
28 an all-terrain vehicle or off-highway motorcycle on a county,
29 township, or road district highway in an unincorporated area
30 outside an urban district.

31 (Source: P.A. 89-445, eff. 2-7-96; 90-287, eff. 1-1-98.)