Amendment No. 1114

Senate Amendment to Senate Bill No. 434 First Reprint (BDR 43-400										
Proposed by: Senate Committee on Finance										
Amends:	Summary: No	Title: Yes Preamble: No	Joint Sponsorship: No	Digest: Yes						

Adoption of this amendment will MAINTAIN the 2/3s majority vote requirement for final passage of S.B. 434 (§ 5).

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) *green bold italic underlining* is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) red strikethrough is deleted language in the original bill; (4) purple double strikethrough is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) green bold is newly added transitory language.

TMC/BJE Date: 6/3/2007

S.B. No. 434—Revises provisions governing off-highway vehicles. (BDR 43-400)

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SENATE BILL NO. 434—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS)

MARCH 20, 2007

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing off-highway vehicles. (BDR 43-400)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets formitted material is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to off-highway vehicles; requiring an owner of an off-highway vehicle to apply for the issuance of a certificate of title for the off-highway vehicle under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to [charge and collect certain fees; ereating the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Board; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations relating to off highway vehicles; requiring an owner of an off highway vehicle to apply for the issuance of a certificate of operation for the off-highway vehicle within a certain period; providing exceptions; authorizing the Department to impose administrative fines for violations of certain provisions governing off-highway vehicles;] adopt regulations establishing a fee for the issuance of such a certificate of title; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law prohibits a person from operating an off highway vehicle on a highway in this State unless the person has obtained a certificate of operation for the off highway vehicle and has attached the certificate of operation to the off highway vehicle in the manner specified by the Department of Taxation. (NRS 490.080) The term "off highway vehicle" means any motor vehicle that is designed primarily for off highway and all terrain use, including, without limitation, an all terrain vehicle, an all terrain motoreyele, a dune buggy, a snowmobile or any motor vehicle used for recreational purposes on public lands. (NRS 490.060) The term "highway" means any way that is maintained by a public authority and is peen for use by the public for vehicular traffic. (NRS 482.045, 490.040)

Existing law requires an authorized dealer of off highway vehicles to issue a certificate of operation for the off highway vehicle upon the sale of the off highway vehicle or upon request by a person who purchased the off highway vehicle outside this State under certain circumstances. (NRS 490.070)

Sections 3 10 of this bill add new provisions to chapter 490 of NRS relating to off highway vehicles.]

Section 5 of this bill requires a person who acquires ownership of an off-highway vehicle on or after January 1, 2008, to apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the issuance of

a certificate of title for the off-highway vehicle within 30 days after acquiring ownership of the off-highway vehicle. A person who acquires ownership of an off-highway vehicle before January 1, 2008, may, but is not required to, apply for such a certificate of title. Section 5 also requires the Department to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of the section, including the establishment of fees for the issuance of such certificates of title and duplicate certificates of title.

[Section 6 of this bill provides for the issuance of a class 1 or class 2 certificate of operation for an off highway vehicle. Each certificate of operation is valid for 2 years after the date of issuance. The fee for each certificate of operation is \$12.50. Section 6 prohibits the Department from issuing a class 2 certificate of operation on or after January 1, 2009. However, a class 2 certificate of operation issued before that date remains subject to renewal and if repressed remains valid.

Section 7 of this bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to charge and collect a fee in the amount of \$12.50 for each class 1 or class 2 certificate of operation issued or renewed by the Department. The fee is in addition to the fee imposed pursuant to section 6 of this bill.

Section 9 of this bill creates the Off Highway Vehicle Advisory Board. The Board consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor. Members are entitled to receive the per diam allowance and travel expanses provided to state officers and employees.

Section 10 of this bill imposes various duties upon the Board, including, without limitation, the duty to select a Chairman and to meet at least once each calendar quarter. Section 10 requires the Board to study the need for designated roads and trails for off highway vehicle roads or trails and to advise appropriate agencies on policies, programs and facilities needed for the safe use of off highway vehicles on roads and trails in this State.

Section 13 of this bill provides that an authorized dealer of off highway vehicles may receive and submit to the Department of Motor Vehicles applications for the issuance or renewal of certificates of operation or for the issuance of certificates of title for off highway vehicles. Each authorized dealer must submit the applications to the Department on or before the end of the month in which the authorized dealer receives the applications. Section 13 also allows each authorized dealer to retain a fee of not more than \$2 for each application for a certificate of operation received by the authorized dealer. In addition, section 13 requires the Department to adopt various regulations, including, without limitation, regulations for the renewal of certificates of operation by mail, the collection of a fee of not more than \$25 for the renewal of a certificate of operation and the imposition of administrative fines for certain violations concerning off highway vehicles.

Section 14 of this bill prohibits a person from operating an off highway vehicle in this State without a certificate of operation for the off highway vehicle, regardless of whether the person operates the off highway vehicle on a highway. Section 14 further requires each owner of an off highway vehicle to apply, within 30 days after acquiring ownership of the off highway vehicle, to an authorized dealer or to the Department for the issuance of a certificate of operation for the off highway vehicle. Section 14 expands the types of off highway vehicle for which a certificate of operation is not required to include an off highway vehicle that has an engine having a displacement of not more than 90 cubic centimeters, an off highway vehicle that is used solely for racing on a private or closed race course or an off highway vehicle that was manufactured before January 1, 1976.1

Section 15 of this bill repeals the provisions of NRS 490.030, which define the term "Department" for purposes of chapter 490 of NRS to mean the Department of Taxation. Because NRS 481.015 defines the term "Department" for purposes of title 43 of NRS to mean the Department of Motor Vehicles, the effect of the repeal of NRS 490.030 and the amendment of NRS 481.015 set forth in section 1 of this bill is to place the authority to administer the provisions of chapter 490 of NRS under the Department of Motor Vehicles.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 481.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 481.015 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, as used in this title, unless the context otherwise requires, "certificate of title" means the document issued by the Department that identifies the legal owner of a vehicle and contains the information required pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 482.245. The definition set forth in this subsection does not apply to chapters 488, [and] 489 and 490 of NRS.
- Except as otherwise provided in chapter 480 of NRS, NRS 484.388 to 484.3888, inclusive, 486.363 to 486.377, inclusive, [chapter] and chapters 486A fof NRS, and INRS 488.480 and chapter 490 of NRS, 488 of NRS, as used in this title, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) "Department" means the Department of Motor Vehicles.
 - (b) "Director" means the Director of the Department. [of Motor Vehicles.]
- Sec. 2. Chapter 490 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto et forth as sections 3 to 10, inclusive, of this act.] (Deleted by amendment.)
- Sec. 3. ["Board" means the Off Highway Vehicle Advisory Board created pursuant to section 9 of this act.] (Deleted by amendment.)
 - **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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- Sec. 5. Chapter 490 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. An owner of an off-highway vehicle that is acquired on or after January 1, 2008, shall, within 30 days after acquiring ownership of the offhighway vehicle, apply to the Department for the issuance of a certificate of title for the off-highway vehicle.
- 2. An owner of an off-highway vehicle that is acquired before January 1. 2008, may apply to the Department for the issuance of a certificate of title for the off-highway vehicle.
- 3. The Department shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section. The regulations must, without limitation:
- (a) Specify the form and contents of a certificate of title for an off-highway
- vehicle;
 (b) Provide procedures for the application for and issuance of a certificate of
- (c) Establish fees for the issuance of a certificate of title and a duplicate certificate of title for an off-highway vehicle. The fees must not exceed the fees imposed for issuing a certificate of title and a duplicate certificate of title pursuant to NRS 482.429.
- Sec. 6. [1. A certificate of operation issued or renewed in accordance with a regulation adopted pursuant to NRS 490.070:
- (a) Is a class I certificate of operation if the owner of the off highway vehicle provides proof to the Department that the owner has obtained a certificate of title from the Department for the off highway vehicle. The fee for a class 1 certificate of operation is \$12.50, not including any fee charged and retained by an authorized dealer pursuant to NRS 490.070.
- (b) Is a class 2 certificate of operation if the owner of the off highway vehicle has not obtained a certificate of title from the Department for the off highway vehicle. To obtain a class 2 certificate of operation, the owner must provide proof to the Department that the owner has obtained a certificate of verification of the

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vehicle identification number from the Department for the off-highway vehicle. The Department may charge and collect a fee for a certificate of verification of the vehicle identification number in an amount that is not more than the fee charged for a certificate of title. The fee for a class 2 certificate of operation is \$12.50, not including any fee charged and retained by an authorized dealer pursuant to NRS 490.070.

- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, each certificate of operation is valid for 2 years after the date the certificate of operation is issued.
- 3. The Department shall not issue a class 2 certificate of operation on or after January 1, 2009. A class 2 certificate of operation that is issued before that date:
 - (a) May be renewed on or after that date; and
- (b) If renewed, remains valid regardless of whether the owner of the offhighway vehicle sells or otherwise transfers ownership of the off-highway *ehicle.] (Deleted by amendment.)
- Sec. 7. [In addition to any fee collected pursuant to section 6 of this act, the Department shall charge and collect a fee in the amount of \$12.50 from each person who is issued a class 1 or class 2 certificate of operation or whose class 1 or class 2 certificate of operation is renewed by the Department.] (Deleted by amendment.)
 - **Sec. 8.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- Sec. 9. 11. The Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Board, consisting of 13 members appointed by the Governor, is hereby created.
 - 2. The Governor shall appoint to the Board:
- (a) Seven members who reside in various geographical areas of this State, of which:
- (1) One member must be a representative of a sportsmen's, hunting or agricultural organization of this State;
- (2) One member must be a representative of a nationally recognized conservation organization in this State;
- (3) One member must be a representative of an organization in this State interested in the promotion of off-highway vehicle activities;
- (4) One member must be a representative of an organization in this State involved in training persons in the safe use of off-highway vehicles;
- (5) One member must own or manage a business for the sale or repair of off-highway vehicles; and
 - (6) Two members of the public at large.
- (b) One member who is a representative of the Bureau of Land Management:
- (c) One member who is a representative of the Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources;
- (d) One member who is a representative of the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources;
 - (e) One member who is a representative of the United States Forest Service;
 - (f) One member who is a representative of the Department of Wildlife; and
 - (g) One member who is a representative of the Commission on Tourism.
- 3. After the initial terms, the members of the Board appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2 shall serve terms of 2 years. All other members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- 4. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation but are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.] (Deleted by amendment.)

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Sec. 10. [1. The Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Board shall:
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           (a) At its first meeting and annually thereafter, elect a Chairman from
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           (b) Meet at least once each calendar quarter and as requested by the call of
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        (c) Study the need for:
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               (2) Reclamation and restoration of existing trails, damaged land and
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       wildlife habitats;
       (3) Adopting a state-certified training course in off highway vehicle safety to provide training in safe, responsible and ethical riding, proper machine
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       assist the Board in carrying out its duties pursuant to this section.

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           Sec. 11. [NRS 490.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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           490.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the
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       words and terms defined in NRS 490.020 to 490.060, inclusive, and section 3 of
       this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.] (Deleted by
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                      NRS 490.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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            490.060 1. "Off-highway vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is designed
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       primarily for off-highway and all-terrain use. The term includes, but is not limited
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           (a) An all-terrain vehicle;
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           (b) An all-terrain motorcycle;
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           (e) Any motor vehicle used on public lands for the purpose of recreation.
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           (a) A motor vehicle designed primarily for use in water;
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           (b) A motor vehicle that is registered by the Department; fof Motor Vehicles;
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           (c) A low-speed vehicle as defined in NRS 484.527.
           Sec. 13. [NRS 490.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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           490.070 1. Upon the request of a dealer of off-highway vehicles, the
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       Department may authorize the dealer to [issue] receive and submit to the
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           2. Each certificate of operation for an off-highway vehicle [issued by an
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       authorized dealer] must be in the form of a sticker approved by the Department.
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          (a) [Upon the sale of] On or before the end of each month, submit to the
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- (1) Forms for applying for the issuance and renewal of certificates of operation or the issuance of certificates of title;
 - (2) Certificates of operation and certificates of title by the Department to [authorized dealers; and] each applicant whose application is approved by the Department; and
- (3) Renewal notices for certificates of operation before the date of expiration of the certificates of operation;
 - (b) The renewal of certificates of operation by mail;

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- (c) The collection of a fee of not more than \$25 for the renewal of a certificate of operation;
 - <u>(d) The submission in person at the Department of an application for:</u>
- (1) The issuance of a certificate of operation, certificate of title or certificate of verification of a vehicle identification number for an off-highway vehicle; or
- (2) The renewal of a certificate of operation for an off-highway vehicle;
- (e) The replacement of a lost or damaged certificate of operation or certificate of title;
- (f) The imposition of an administrative fine in the amount of \$25 for each failure by an owner of an off-highway vehicle to obtain, within 30 days after acquiring ownership of the off-highway vehicle:
- (I) A certificate of operation for the off-highway vehicle; and
- 49 (2) A certificate of title or certificate of verification of the vehicle identification number for the off-highway vehicle;
 51 (g) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (f), the imposition of an
 - (g) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (f), the imposition of an administrative fine in the amount of \$100 for each failure by an owner of an off-

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               (1) A certificate of operation for the off-highway vehicle; and
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               (2) A certificate of title or certificate of verification of the vehicle
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       subsection 1 if the authorized dealer fails to comply with the regulations.
           7. The fee for issuing a certificate of title for an off-highway vehicle must
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       NRS 482,429.
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           8. The Department shall afford an opportunity for a hearing pursuant to
       NRS 233B.121 to any person who is fined pursuant to a regulation adopted pursuant to paragraph (f), (g) or (h) of subsection 6.1 (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 14. [NRS 490.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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           490.080 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection [4,] 3, a person shall
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       not operate an off-highway vehicle [on a highway pursuant to NRS 490.090 to
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       490.130, inclusive,] in this State unless he has:
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           (a) Obtained a certificate of operation for the off-highway vehicle; and
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          (b) Attached the certificate to the off-highway vehicle in the manner specified
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       by the Department.
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       subsection 3, each owner of an off-highway vehicle [is lost or destroyed, the
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       Department for the issuance of a certificate of operation from an authorized
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       4.] 3. A certificate of operation is not required for an off-highway vehicle
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         (a) Is owned and operated by:
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               (2) An agency of this State; or
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               (3) A county, incorporated city or unincorporated town in this State;
        (b) Has an engine having a displacement of not more than 90 cubic
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           (c) Is used solely for racing on a private or closed race course for off-
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       highway vehicles;
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           (d) Is part of the inventory of a dealer of off-highway vehicles;
           [(c)] (e) Was manufactured before January 1, 1976;
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         (f) Is registered or certified in another state and is located in this State for not
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           -[(d)] (g) Is used solely for husbandry on private land or on public land that is
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          [(e)] (h) Is used for work conducted by or at the direction of a public or private
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           4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 490.070, if a person violates a
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administrative fine of not more than \$250. The Department shall afford to any person so fined an opportunity for a hearing pursuant to NRS 233B.121.] (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 15. NRS 490.030 is hereby repealed.

- Sec. 16. 1. Any dealer of off-highway vehicles who is an authorized dealer pursuant to NRS 490.070 before January 1, 2008, shall be deemed to be an authorized dealer by the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to that section . $\frac{1}{12}$ as amended by this act.]
- 2. Any certificate of operation issued for an off-highway vehicle by the Department of Taxation before January 1, 2008, shall be deemed to be a [class 2] certificate of operation issued for an off-highway vehicle by the Department of Motor Vehicles . [for the purposes of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of section 6 of this act.]
- 3. The regulations adopted by the Department of Taxation pursuant to NRS 490.070 become the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicles on January 1, 2008, and [, to the extent that the regulations are consistent with the amendatory provisions of this act,] remain in effect until amended or repealed by the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Sec. 17. [1. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this section, the Governor shall solicit applications for the appointment of the members of the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Board created pursuant to section 9 of this act.
- 2. As soon as practicable after July 1, 2007, the Governor shall, after eonsidering each application received pursuant to subsection 1, appoint the members of the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Board who are qualified pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of section 9 of this act to initial terms as follows: (a) The members listed in subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3) to terms that expire on January 1, 2009; and
- (b) The members listed in subparagraphs (4), (5) and (6) to terms that expire on January 1, 2010.] (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 18. This act becomes effective:

- (a) The appointment by the Governor of the members of the Off-Highwa Vehicle Advisory Board created pursuant to section 9 of this act; and
 - (b) The the adoption of regulations to carry out the provisions of this act; and
 - On January 1, 2008, for all other purposes.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

490.030 "Department" defined. "Department" means the Department of Taxation.