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Short Title: Disabled Sportsmen/ATV Exception.

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Sponsors:

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March 17, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES TO BE USED BY DISABLED SPORTSMEN TO CROSS PUBLIC ROADWAYS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Part 10C of Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 20-171.26. Motorized all-terrain vehicle use by disabled sportsmen.**

(a) Persons qualified under the Disabled Sportsmen Program, pursuant to G.S. 113-296, are authorized to transverse public roadways using an all-terrain vehicle while engaging in licensed hunting or fishing activities. Use of the all-terrain vehicle shall be limited to driving across the roadway, in a perpendicular fashion, without travel in either direction along the roadway.

(b) This Part and all other State laws governing the operation of all-terrain vehicles apply to the operation of all-terrain vehicles authorized by this section.

(c) An all-terrain vehicle operated pursuant to this section shall be equipped with operable front and rear lights and a horn.

(d) A person operating an all-terrain vehicle pursuant to this section shall observe posted speed limits and shall not exceed the manufacturer's recommended speed for the vehicle.

(e) A person operating an all-terrain vehicle pursuant to this section shall carry evidence of membership in the Disabled Sportsmen Program and the appropriate license to engage in the hunting or fishing activity."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

