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SENATE BILL 617
Transportation Committee Substitute Adopted 4/26/23

Short Title: ATV Safety Course Warning Label Exception.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS OF THE STATE TO AUTHORIZE
3 AN EXCEPTION TO THE AGE RESTRICTION WARNING LABEL FOR
4 ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND TO DIRECT THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
5 TO RESEARCH, APPROVE, AND REPORT ON AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE SAFETY
6 COURSE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-171.15(c) reads as rewritten:

9 "(c) It is unlawful for any parent or legal guardian of a person less than 16 years of age to
10 knowingly permit that person to operate an all-terrain vehicle in violation of the Age Restriction
11 Warning Label affixed by the manufacturer as required by the applicable American National
12 Standards Institute/Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (ANSI/SVIA) design standard. This
13 subsection shall not apply if (i) an instructor of a safety course under G.S. 20-171.20 determines
14 the height or weight of a person under the age of 16 requires the use of an all-terrain vehicle that
15 does not comply with the Age Restriction Warning Label and (ii) the person successfully
16 completes an all-terrain vehicle safety course under G.S. 20-171.20, receiving a safety certificate
17 that indicates successful completion of the safety training course and the type of all-terrain
18 vehicle used and approved for use by the safety course instructor."

19 **SECTION 2.** The Commissioner of Insurance shall research and approve an
20 all-terrain vehicle safety course and submit a report on its findings and the approved all-terrain
21 vehicle safety course to the North Carolina General Assembly and the chairs of the Joint
22 Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee within six months of the effective date of this
23 act.

24 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

