

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1537

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 11-1116, which relates to all-terrain vehicles; removing provisions related to certain vehicles; updating statutory reference; removing certain prohibition; requiring certain equipment under certain conditions; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 11-1116, is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-1116. A. The self-propelled or motor-driven and operated vehicles described in this section shall be prohibited from operating or shall be limited in operation on the streets and highways of this state.

~~B. Self-propelled or motor-driven cycles, known and commonly referred to as "minibikes" and other similar trade names, shall be prohibited from operating on the streets and highways of this state, except:~~

~~1. When used in a parade; or~~

1 ~~2. When registered, as required by subsection E of Section 1151~~
2 ~~of this title, and operated in this state by food vendor services~~
3 ~~upon streets having a speed limit of thirty (30) miles per hour or~~
4 ~~less.~~

5 ~~All minibikes offered for sale in this state shall bear the~~
6 ~~following notice to the customer: "This machine is not manufactured~~
7 ~~or sold for operation on the public streets or highways. Since it~~
8 ~~is not provided with equipment required by law for street or highway~~
9 ~~use, all persons are cautioned that any operation of this vehicle~~
10 ~~upon a public street or highway will be in violation of the motor~~
11 ~~vehicle laws of this state and will subject the violator to arrest."~~

12 ~~C.~~ Golf carts and utility vehicles, as defined by Section 1102
13 of this title, shall not be operated on the streets and highways of
14 this state except:

15 1. Golf carts or utility vehicles owned by the Oklahoma Tourism
16 and Recreation Department, and operated by employees or agents of
17 the Department or employees of independent management companies
18 working on behalf of the Department, may be operated on the streets
19 and highways of this state during daylight hours or under rules
20 developed by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission, when
21 the streets and highways are located within the boundaries of a
22 state park. The Department shall have warning signs placed at the
23 entrance and other locations at those state parks allowing golf
24 carts or utility vehicles to be operated on the streets and highways

1 of this state located within the boundaries of those state parks.
2 The warning signs shall state that golf carts and utility vehicles
3 may be operating on streets and highways and that motor vehicle
4 operators shall take special precautions to be alert for the
5 presence of golf carts or utility vehicles on the streets and
6 highways;

7 2. ~~The~~ When the municipal governing body has adopted an
8 ordinance governing the operation of golf carts and/or utility
9 vehicles on city streets; provided, such ordinances shall include
10 necessary vehicle lighting and safety requirements;

11 3. Golf carts or utility vehicles may operate on state highways
12 only if making a perpendicular crossing of a state highway located
13 within the boundaries of a municipality which has adopted an
14 ordinance governing the operation of golf carts and/or utility
15 vehicles;

16 4. ~~The~~ When the board of county commissioners of a county has
17 approved the operation of golf cart and/or utility vehicle traffic
18 on roadways within the county, and:

19 a. the roadway has a posted speed limit of twenty-five
20 (25) miles per hour or less,

21 b. the roadway is located in an unincorporated area, and

22 c. appropriate signage, cautioning motorists of the
23 possibility of golf cart or utility vehicle traffic,
24 is erected by the board of county commissioners; or
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1 5. Street-legal utility vehicles that are registered as a motor
2 vehicle pursuant to ~~subsection B of~~ Section ~~±~~ 1-171.1 of this ~~act~~
3 title may be operated on the streets and highways of this state.
4 Provided, however, street-legal utility vehicles shall not be
5 operated on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways
6 or U.S. highways.

7 ~~D.~~ C. All-terrain vehicles shall not be operated on the streets
8 and highways of this state, except:

9 1. On unpaved roads which are located within the boundaries of
10 any property of the Forest Service of the United States Department
11 of Agriculture;

12 2. On highways if:

13 a. the vehicle needs to make a direct crossing of the
14 highway while the vehicle is traveling upon a
15 regularly traveled trail and needs to continue travel
16 from one area of the trail to another and, if the
17 vehicle comes to a complete stop, yields the right-of-
18 way to all oncoming traffic that constitutes an
19 immediate hazard, and crosses the highway at an angle
20 of approximately ninety (90) degrees to the direction
21 of the street or highway. This exception shall not
22 apply to divided highways ~~or highways with a posted~~
23 ~~speed limit of more than thirty-five (35) miles per~~

1 ~~hour in the area of the crossing~~ of four (4) lanes or
2 more,

3 b. the vehicle needs to travel on a highway in order to
4 cross a railroad track. In that event, the all-
5 terrain vehicle may travel for not more than three
6 hundred (300) feet on a highway to cross a railroad
7 track, and

8 c. the operator of the all-terrain vehicle making the
9 crossing at a highway has a valid driver license, ~~and~~

10 ~~d. the operator of the vehicle makes a crossing on a~~
11 ~~highway during daylight hours only;~~

12 3. On streets and highways within a municipality if the
13 municipal governing body has adopted an ordinance governing the
14 operation of golf carts, utility vehicles or all-terrain vehicles on
15 streets and highways within the municipality; or

16 4. On roadways within unincorporated areas of a county if those
17 roadways are not part of the state highway system or the National
18 System of Interstate and Defense Highways; provided, however, that
19 the driver is a licensed driver.

20 All-terrain vehicles, when operated pursuant to the provisions
21 of paragraph 3 of this subsection, must be equipped with a horn,
22 turn signal lamps, and if the vehicle has a windshield, a windshield
23 wiper.

1 ~~E.~~ D. Mopeds, as defined by Section 1-133.2 of this title, may
2 be operated on the streets and highways of this state if:

3 1. The municipal governing body has adopted an ordinance
4 governing the operation of mopeds on city streets; provided, such
5 ordinances shall include necessary vehicle lighting and safety
6 requirements; or

7 2. The board of county commissioners of a county has approved
8 the operation of mopeds on roadways within the county, not including
9 roadways within a municipality.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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