

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 427

By: Newhouse and Coleman of the
Senate

3 and

4 Banning of the House

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6 An Act relating to utility vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
7 2021, Section 11-1116, which relates to self-
8 propelled or motor-driven and operated vehicles on
9 streets, highways, and roadways within unincorporated
10 areas; modifying statutory reference; prohibiting
11 certain vehicles exceeding specific speed when
operated on streets and highways; requiring certain
vehicles to have certain safety features to operate
in this state; requiring certain inspection;
modifying where certain vehicles may be operated; and
providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

24 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 municipal governing body has adopted an ordinance
8 governing the operation of golf carts and/or utility vehicles on
9 city streets; provided, such ordinances shall include necessary
10 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 board of county commissioners of a county has approved
17 the operation of golf cart and/or utility vehicle traffic on
18 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

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, when traveling on U.S. highways street-legal
5 utility vehicles are restricted to those posted at thirty-five (35)
6 miles per hour or less. Street-legal utility vehicles shall not be
7 operated on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways
8 ~~or U.S. highways.~~ Street-legal utility vehicles shall be required
9 to have interstate tires, seat belts, windshields, and doors to
10 operate in this state. All street-legal utility vehicles shall be
11 inspected annually at a Department-of-Transportation-approved
12 facility.

13 D. All-terrain vehicles shall not be operated on the streets
14 and highways of this state, except:

15 1. On unpaved roads which are located within the boundaries of
16 any property of the Forest Service of the United States Department
17 of Agriculture;

18 2. On highways if:

19 a. the vehicle needs to make a direct crossing of the
20 highway while the vehicle is traveling upon a
21 regularly traveled trail and needs to continue travel
22 from one area of the trail to another and, if the
23 vehicle comes to a complete stop, yields the right-of-
24 way to all oncoming traffic that constitutes an

1 immediate hazard, and crosses the highway at an angle
2 of approximately ninety (90) degrees to the direction
3 of the street or highway. This exception shall not
4 apply to divided highways or highways with a posted
5 speed limit of more than thirty-five (35) miles per
6 hour in the area of the crossing,

7 b. the vehicle needs to travel on a highway in order to
8 cross a railroad track. In that event, the all-
9 terrain vehicle may travel for not more than three
10 hundred (300) feet on a highway to cross a railroad
11 track,

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

14 d. the operator of the vehicle makes a crossing on a
15 highway during daylight hours only;

16 3. On streets and highways within a municipality if the
17 municipal governing body has adopted an ordinance governing the
18 operation of golf carts, utility vehicles or all-terrain vehicles on
19 streets and highways within the municipality; or

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

1 E. Mopeds, as defined by Section 1-133.2 of this title, may be
2 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, 2023.

11 Passed the Senate the 22nd day of March, 2023.

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14 Presiding Officer of the Senate

15 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
16 2023.

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