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HOUSE DRH11087-MA-201 (03/10)

Short Title: Modify ATV Helmet Use Requirements.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives T. Moore and LaRoque (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD OR OLDER WEAR A HELMET WHILE OPERATING AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-171.19 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-171.19. **Prohibited acts by owners and operators.**

(a) No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle on a public street or highway or public vehicular area unless the person wears eye protection and a safety helmet meeting United States Department of Transportation standards for motorcycle helmets.

(a1) No person under 18 years of age shall operate an all-terrain vehicle off a public street or highway or public vehicular area unless the person wears eye protection and a safety helmet meeting United States Department of Transportation standards for motorcycle helmets.

~~(a1)(a2)~~ Notwithstanding subsection ~~(a)~~(a1) of this section, ~~any~~ a person who is under 18 years of age and employed by a supplier of retail electric service, while engaged in power line inspection, may operate an all-terrain vehicle while wearing both of the following:

- (1) Head protection equipped with a chin strap that conforms to the standards applicable to suppliers of retail electric service adopted by the Occupational Safety and Health Division of the North Carolina Department of Labor.
- (2) Eye protection that conforms to the standards applicable to suppliers of retail electric service adopted by the Occupational Safety and Health Division of the North Carolina Department of Labor.

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SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2011, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.



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