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Short Title: Titles for Off-Road Veh./Low Speed Veh. Insp. (Public)

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A  
3 CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY VEHICLES,  
4 TO EXPAND THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS ON WHICH A MODIFIED UTILITY  
5 VEHICLE MAY BE LEGALLY OPERATED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OFF-SITE  
6 SAFETY INSPECTION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES BY LICENSED SAFETY  
7 INSPECTION STATIONS.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

11 "**§ 20-53.6. Titling of all-terrain vehicles and utility vehicles.**

12 Any owner of an all-terrain vehicle, modified utility vehicle, or utility vehicle may apply to  
13 the Division for a certificate of title by completing an application on a form provided by the  
14 Division and paying the fee established under G.S. 20-85(a)(1). The application form shall  
15 require, at a minimum, the following:

- 16 (1) The owner's name.  
17 (2) The owner's mailing address or residence address.  
18 (3) A drivers license number, which shall be provided as authorized by  
19 G.S. 20-52(a)(1a)b. or G.S. 20-52(a)(1b).  
20 (4) A description of the vehicle, including the make and model.  
21 (5) A statement of the owner's title and of all liens upon the vehicle, including the  
22 names and addresses of all lienholders in the order of their priority, and the  
23 date and nature of each lien. The provisions of this Chapter that relate to  
24 perfection of security interests shall not apply to vehicles issued a certificate  
25 of title under this section."

26 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 20-54 reads as rewritten:

27 "**§ 20-54. Authority for refusing registration or certificate of title.**

28 The Division shall refuse registration or issuance of a certificate of title or any transfer of  
29 registration upon any of the following grounds:

- 30 ...  
31 (8) The vehicle is a golf ~~cart or utility vehicle~~ cart. If the vehicle is an all-terrain  
32 vehicle or utility vehicle, the Division shall refuse registration or any transfer  
33 of registration but shall issue a certificate of title as provided by G.S. 20-53.6.

34 ...."



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1           **SECTION 1.(c)** G.S. 20-121.1 reads as rewritten:  
2   "**§ 20-121.1. Operation of a low-speed vehicle, mini-truck, or modified utility vehicle on**  
3   **certain roadways.**

4       The operation of a low-speed vehicle, mini-truck, or modified utility vehicle is authorized  
5 with the following restrictions:

- 6       (1) A low-speed vehicle may be operated only on streets and highways where the  
7       posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. A mini-truck or modified utility  
8       vehicle may be operated only on streets and highways where the posted speed  
9       limit is 55 miles per hour or less; ~~provided, a modified utility vehicle may not~~  
10      ~~be operated on any street or highway having four or more travel lanes unless~~  
11      ~~the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less.~~ This subdivision does not  
12      prohibit a low-speed vehicle, mini-truck, or modified utility vehicle from  
13      crossing a road or street at an intersection where the road or street being  
14      crossed has a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

15      ...."

16      **SECTION 1.(d)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2024.

17      **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 20-183.4(a) reads as rewritten:

18      "(a) License Required. – A safety inspection must be performed by one of the following  
19 methods:

- 20      (1) At a station that has a safety inspection station license issued by the Division  
21      and by a mechanic who is employed by the station and has a safety inspection  
22      mechanic license issued by the Division.  
23      (2) At a place of business of a person who has a safety self-inspector license  
24      issued by the Division and by an individual who has a safety inspection  
25      mechanic license issued by the Division.  
26      (3) A low-speed vehicle safety inspection may be performed at a location other  
27      than the inspection station by a station that has a safety inspection station  
28      license issued by the Division and by a mechanic who is employed by the  
29      station and has a safety inspection mechanic license issued by the Division."

30      **SECTION 2.(b)** The Department of Transportation shall adopt rules to implement  
31 this section before July 1, 2025.

32      **SECTION 2.(c)** Subsection (a) of this section becomes effective July 1, 2025, and  
33 applies to low-speed vehicles inspected on or after that date.

34      **SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes  
35 law.