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**An Act to Amend the Definition of "Oversized ATV" to Increase the
Minimum Weight Requirement**

(EMERGENCY)

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GUERRETTE of Caribou.
Cosponsored by Representative JACKSON of Oxford and
Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, COOPER of Windham,
DAIGLE of Fort Kent, DRINKWATER of Milford, FREDERICKS of Sanford, HENDERSON
of Rumford, THORNE of Carmel.

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** this legislation amends the law regarding the registration of oversized all-
4 terrain vehicles and must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period so that it
5 applies to registrations for the 2025 all-terrain vehicle season; and

6 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
7 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
8 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
9 therefore,

10 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

11 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13155, sub-§5-B,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 526, §2, is further
12 amended to read:

13 **5-B. Oversized ATV; exception.** A person may not register an oversized ATV except
14 as provided in this subsection. A resident who has registered an oversized ATV prior to
15 January 1, 2022 may continue to register that oversized ATV upon payment of the fee
16 specified in subsection 5, paragraph A, and upon a transfer of ownership of that registered
17 oversized ATV, the new owner may also register that oversized ATV upon payment of the
18 fee specified in subsection 5, paragraph A. Registration is not required for an oversized
19 ATV operated by a person on the land of another if written permission is received from the
20 landowner or lessee of the land and the person is engaged solely in a business activity, other
21 than a business activity involving recreational use of the oversized ATV. For purposes of
22 this subsection, "oversized ATV" means an ATV that is wider than 65 inches or weighs
23 more than ~~2,000~~ 3,500 pounds according to the manufacturer's specifications.

24 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
25 takes effect when approved.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill increases the minimum weight of an oversized all-terrain vehicle from 2,000
28 to 3,500 pounds.