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In Senate, January 8, 2025

**An Act to Change the Definition of "Oversized ATV" in the Laws  
Governing the Registration of All-terrain Vehicles**

(EMERGENCY)

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.  
Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias.

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~~ 2,500 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 2,500 pounds.