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HOUSE BILL 1371

Short Title: Exempt ATVs from MV Registration Requirements. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Culpepper; and Moore.

Referred to: Transportation.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO EXEMPT ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES OPERATED BY PUBLIC  
3 SAFETY AGENCIES FROM HAVING TO BE REGISTERED AS MOTOR  
4 VEHICLES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-51 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 20-51. Exempt from registration.**

8 The following shall be exempt from the requirement of registration and certificate of  
9 title:

10 ...

11 (16) Any all-terrain vehicle operated by a public safety agency, to include  
12 but not be limited to municipal police departments, municipal and  
13 volunteer fire departments, municipal or contracted ocean rescue  
14 organizations or rescue squads, that is used in the furtherance of its  
15 duties."

16 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-183.2(a1) reads as rewritten:

17 "(a1) Safety Inspection Exception. Exceptions. – The following vehicles are  
18 exempt from safety inspections:

19 (1) Historic vehicles, as defined in G.S. 20-79.4(b)(17), shall not be  
20 subject to a safety inspection pursuant to this Article.G.S.  
21 20-79.4(b)(17).

22 (2) Any all-terrain vehicle operated by a public safety agency, to include  
23 but not be limited to municipal police departments, municipal and  
24 volunteer fire departments, municipal or contracted ocean rescue  
25 organizations or rescue squads, that is used in the furtherance of its  
26 duties."

27 **SECTION 3.** Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a  
28 new section to read:

1 "§ 20-137.3. Public safety all-terrain vehicles exempt from equipment  
2 requirements.

3 Any all-terrain vehicle operated by a public safety agency, to include but not be  
4 limited to municipal police departments, municipal and volunteer fire departments,  
5 municipal or contracted ocean rescue organizations or rescue squads, that is used in the  
6 furtherance of its duties shall be exempt from the equipment requirements of Part 9 of  
7 this Article."

8 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.