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To: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

Subject: House Bill 651 – Relating to the operation of all-terrain vehicles on public streets, roads, and highways.

PURPOSE

To inform you of the provisions of House Bill 651 (copy attached) which were enacted by the 77th Legislative Session. This legislation becomes effective on September 1, 2001.

DETAILS

House Bill 651 amends Section 663.007, Transportation Code, by redesigning the existing Subsection (d) as Subsection (f) and adding new Subsections (d) and (e) to allow all-terrain vehicles (ATV) to be operated on public streets, roads and highways if the use of the ATV is in connection with farm use as defined by Section 52.002, Agriculture Code. The bill places the following restrictions on the operator of the ATV:

- Attach to the back of the ATV on top of an eight-foot long pole a triangular orange flag.
- Operation of the ATV must occur during the daytime.
- Distance traveled must not exceed 25 miles from the point of origin to the destination.
- Provisions regarding helmet and eye protection use, safety certification, and other vehicular restrictions do not apply.
- The ATV's headlights and taillights must be illuminated when operated on a public street, road or limited access highway.

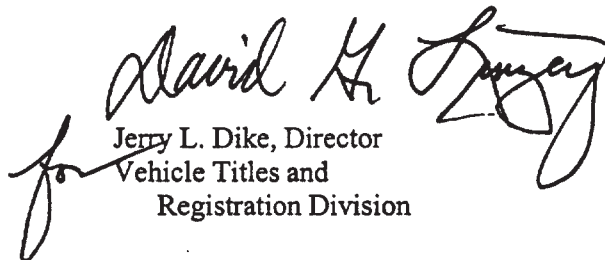
DEPARTMENT ACTIONS

The Registration Manual will be revised and you will receive the revised pages for inclusion in your manual in the near future.

VTR CONTACT PERSON(S)

If you have any questions, please contact your local Vehicle Titles and Registration Regional Office.

Sincerely,


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Attachment

cc: VTR Administration