

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 217

S. P. 77

In Senate, January 16, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Roberts of York.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Requiring the Registration of Off-highway Vehicles.

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

29 MRSA, § 119, is enacted to read:

§ 119. Off-highway vehicles; registration; fee; taxation

1. Definition. "Off-highway vehicles" are defined as every vehicle, except motorized golf carts used on public and private golf courses, designed for recreational usage or adapted primarily for cross country operation over unimproved terrain, and of a type which has been determined by the Secretary of State under section 55 to be unsuitable for general highway use, except such vehicles as are specifically exempted from the registration requirements for operation on a public way by this Title and those vehicles for which a permit may be issued under section 242-E.

2. Registration. All off-highway vehicles shall be registered, except those operated exclusively on the property of the vehicle owner, upon suitable application and payment of a fee of \$5. The Secretary of State may register such off-highway vehicles for the normal vehicle registration period for nonhighway usage, except as otherwise permitted by the rules and regulations of the Secretary of State.

3. Rules and regulations. The Secretary of State shall make such rules and regulations as he deems necessary governing the operation of and equipment requirements on all vehicles registered as off-highway vehicles.

4. Vehicles registered under this section are exempt from the inspection requirement of section 2122.

## FISCAL NOTE

In view of the fact it is impossible to estimate the number of off-highway vehicles in use today, the amount of funds generated from such registrations cannot be estimated.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require the registration of off-highway vehicles.