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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 20, L.D. 22, Bill, "An Act to Permit the Use of All-terrain Vehicles by Law Enforcement Officers"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7857, sub-§24, ¶D, as amended by PL 1985, c. 762, §20, is further amended to read:

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 5:

(1) Properly registered ATV's may operate on a public way only the distance necessary, but in no case to exceed 300 yards, on the extreme right of the traveled way for the purpose of crossing, as directly as possible, a public way, sidewalk or culvert;

(2) Properly registered ATV's may operate on a public way only the distance necessary, but in no case to exceed 500 yards, on the extreme right of the traveled way for the sole purpose of crossing, as directly as possible, a bridge, overpass or underpass, provided that that operation can be made in safety and that it does not interfere with traffic approaching from either direction on the public way;

(3) ATV's may operate on any portion of a public way when the public way has been closed in accordance with Title 23, section 2953;

2 (4) ATV's may operate on a public way which that is
4 not maintained or utilized for the operation of
6 conventional motor vehicles, except that operation on
the left side of the way shall-be is prohibited during
the hours from sunset to sunrise;

8 (5) ATV's may be operated on streets and public ways
10 during a period of emergency when the emergency has
12 been so declared by a police agency having jurisdiction
and when travel by conventional motor vehicles is not
practicable; and

14 (6) ATV's may be operated on streets and public ways
16 in special events of limited duration conducted
18 according to a prearranged schedule, under a permit
from the governmental unit having jurisdiction; and

20 (7) An ATV may be operated on a public way on the
22 extreme right of the traveled way by a law enforcement
officer for the sole purpose of traveling between the
place where the ATV is usually stored and an area to be
patrolled by the law enforcement officer.'

26 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

28 This amendment replaces the language of the original bill.
30 The amendment allows a law enforcement officer to operate an
32 all-terrain vehicle on the extreme right of a public way from the
place where it is normally stored to an off-road area to be
patrolled.

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