

Resolution Calling for Off-Road Vehicle Legislation (A823/S2055)

WHEREAS, there has been a significant increase in the use of off-road vehicles on municipal, county and state owned properties, as well as private properties; and

WHEREAS, current law does not give local officials enough flexibility to adequately protect the safety of those under the age of eighteen who use ORV vehicles, thus creating the news for additional safety training; and

WHEREAS, it is an unfair burden for taxpayers to pay to repair the damage that is done to recreation areas, historic parks, trails, detention basins and other public facilities, and to private property owners who are also suffering costly property damage as a result of trespass by these vehicles, and increasingly calling upon local government to provide protection from same;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the _____, on DATE, requests that the New Jersey State Legislature pass legislation to allow municipalities to issue higher fines and penalties for illegal off-road vehicle riding and establish a tagging and registration program for these vehicles and be consistent with the existing statutory provisions of Title 39;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, such legislation should include that the State handle the fees, registration, require insurance, allow for fines and penalties on both the State and municipal level violations, require certified safety training and include a surcharge for the establishment of a fund to establish legal places to ride; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the New Jersey General Assembly, the New Jersey State Senate, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Governor of the State of New Jersey.