

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Oelrich

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to law enforcement vehicles;
creating s. 316.21265, F.S.; authorizing law
enforcement agencies to use specific off-road
vehicles on the streets, roads, and highways of
this state; providing requirements for such
vehicles; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 316.21265, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

316.21265 Use of all-terrain vehicles, golf carts,
low-speed vehicles, or utility vehicles by law enforcement
agencies.--

(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
contrary, any law enforcement agency in this state may operate
all-terrain vehicles as defined in s. 316.2074, golf carts as
defined in s. 320.01(22), low-speed vehicles as defined in s.
320.01(42), or utility vehicles as defined in s. 320.01(43) on
any street, road, or highway in this state while carrying out
its official duties.

(2) Such vehicles must be clearly marked as vehicles
of a law enforcement agency and may be equipped with special
warning lights, signaling devices, or other equipment approved
or authorized for use on law enforcement vehicles.

(3) The vehicle operator and passengers must wear
safety gear, such as helmets, which is ordinarily required for
use by operators or passengers on such vehicles.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 1676

- Corrects statutory reference errors.
- Directs the vehicle operator and any passengers to wear the safety equipment which is required (not recommended) for use by operators or passengers, such as safety helmets.