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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to off-highway vehicles; amending ss. 261.03, 316.2074, and 317.0003, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms "ATV," "all-terrain vehicle," and "off-highway vehicle" and defining the term "ROV" for purposes of provisions relating to the sale and use of motorized off-highway vehicles; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsections (2) and (6) of section 261.03, Florida Statutes, are amended, subsections (9), (10), and (11) are renumbered as subsections (10), (11), and (12), respectively, and a new subsection (9) is added to that section, to read:

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261.03 Definitions. -- As used in this chapter, the term:

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(2) "ATV" means any motorized off-highway or all-terrain vehicle 50 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 1,200 900 pounds or less, designed to travel on three or more nonhighway low-pressure tires, having a seat designed to be

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and intended for use by a single operator with no passenger.

straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control,

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(6) "Off-highway vehicle" means any ATV, two-rider ATV, ROV, or OHM that is used off the roads or highways of this state and that is not registered and licensed for highway use under chapter 320.

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(9) "ROV" means any motorized recreational off-highway

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vehicle 60 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 1,500 pounds or less, designed to travel on four or more nonhighway tires, having nonstraddle seating and a steering wheel, and manufactured for recreational use by one or more persons. The term "ROV" does not include a golf cart as defined in ss. 320.01(22) and 316.003(68) or a low-speed vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(42).

Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 316.2074, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.2074 All-terrain vehicles.--

(2) As used in this section, the term "all-terrain vehicle" means any motorized off-highway vehicle 50 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 1,200 900 pounds or less, designed to travel on three or more nonhighway low-pressure tires, having a seat designed to be straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control, and intended for use by a single operator with no passenger. For the purposes of this section, "all-terrain vehicle" also includes any "two-rider ATV" as defined in s. 317.0003.

Section 3. Subsections (1) and (6) of section 317.0003, Florida Statutes, are amended, subsection (9) is renumbered as subsection (10), and a new subsection (9) is added to that section, to read:

317.0003 Definitions. -- As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) "ATV" means any motorized off-highway or all-terrain vehicle 50 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 1,200 900 pounds or less, designed to travel on three or more nonhighway low-pressure tires, having a seat designed to be

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straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control, and intended for use by a single operator and with no passenger.

- (6) "Off-highway vehicle" means any ATV, two-rider ATV, ROV, or OHM that is used off the roads or highways of this state and that is not registered and licensed for highway use pursuant to chapter 320.
- vehicle 60 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 1,500 pounds or less, designed to travel on four or more nonhighway tires, having nonstraddle seating and a steering wheel, and manufactured for recreational use by one or more persons. The term "ROV" does not include a golf cart as defined in ss. 320.01(22) and 316.003(68) or a low-speed vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(42).
 - Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.