

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, both the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department issue decals for all-terrain vehicles. The voluntary nature of TxDOT's registration program, as well as the costs of safety education and training delivery without state funding, has led to a potentially unsustainable situation.

H.B. 3849 repeals certain statutes that authorize TxDOT to issue an all-terrain vehicle registration certificate and decal. This bill redefines "all-terrain vehicle."

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 502.001(1), Transportation Code, to redefine "all-terrain vehicle."

SECTION 2. Amends Section 29.005(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, to require the Parks and Wildlife Department to issue an off-highway vehicle decal on the payment of the fee under Section 29.003(b), and to delete existing text requiring the issuance of the decal to any person whose off-highway vehicle is registered under Section 502.006, Transportation Code.

SECTION 3. Repealer: Section 502.006(c) and (d) (relating to the registration of off-highway vehicles), Transportation Code.

Repealer: Section 502.169 (Fee: All-Terrain Vehicle), Transportation Code.

Repealer: Section 502.205 (All-Terrain Vehicles), Transportation Code.

Repealer: Section 502.406 (Operation of All-Terrain Vehicle Without Sticker), Transportation Code.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.