

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 vehicle 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. Additionally, the concurrent issuance has led to confusion in some cases and to duplicative efforts between state agencies. The elimination of TxDOT's registration program for all-terrain vehicles may solve these problems.

As proposed, S.B. 1559 repeals certain statutes that provide for the issuance of an off-highway vehicle registration certificate and decal by TxDOT.

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 delete existing text providing that a person whose off-highway vehicle is registered under Section 502.006 (All-Terrain Vehicles), Transportation Code, is a person for whom the Texas Department of Transportation is required to issue a decal upon payment of a certain fee.

SECTION 3. Repealer: (1) Sections 502.006(c) and (d) (regarding registration of all-terrain vehicles for off-highway use); (2) Section 502.169 (Fee: All-Terrain Vehicle); (3) Section 502.205 (All-Terrain Vehicles); and (4) Section 502.406 (Operation of All-Terrain Vehicle Without Sticker), Transportation Code.

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