

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1288

Short Title: Off-Highway Vehicles Regulated.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Colton; and Holt.

Referred to: Basic Resources.

April 12, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES ON ALL STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC LANDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 20-219.4. Off-highway vehicles prohibited on all State, county, and municipal public lands.**

(a) The use of off-highway vehicles is prohibited on all State, county, and municipal public lands other than roadways, except where specifically permitted by the land managing agency responsible for the care of those public lands.

(b) For purposes of this section the following definitions apply:

(1) 'Off-highway vehicle' means any vehicle in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported, excepting devices moved by human power. 'Off-highway vehicle' does not include any official vehicles operated in the course of discharging their official duties.

(2) 'Public lands' means any State, county, or municipal government owned, leased, controlled, or posted park, natural area, recreation area, trail, beach, river, lake, resort, gameland, or forest.

(3) 'Roadway' means any public road or parking area. 'Roadway' does not include fire trails, logging roads, trails, or service roads regardless of surface composition.

(c) Any person violating this section shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or imprisoned for not more than 30 days."

1           Sec. 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 1989.