

Senate Bill No. 343—Senators Goicoechea;
Gustavson and Settlemeyer

Joint Sponsors: Assemblymen Ellison;
Grady and Oscarson

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; allowing certain off-highway vehicles to be registered as motor vehicles intended for use on a highway; requiring the owner of an off-highway vehicle registered as a motor vehicle intended for use on a highway to obtain and maintain insurance on the vehicle; allowing certain off-highway vehicles to be operated on certain county roads under certain circumstances; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, no off-highway vehicle may be registered for highway use or operated on a highway except in limited circumstances. (NRS 490.090, 490.100, 490.110) Any off-highway vehicle that is operated on a highway under these limited circumstances must be registered as an off-highway vehicle and have certain required equipment. (NRS 490.120) **Sections 2-5** of this bill allow certain off-highway vehicles that are defined as "large all-terrain vehicles" to be registered as: (1) motor vehicles intended for use on a highway; or (2) off-highway vehicles. **Section 5** requires the owner of a large all-terrain vehicle who registers the vehicle as a motor vehicle intended for use on a highway to provide proof that the owner carries insurance on the vehicle which meets the requirements for insurance on motor vehicles in this State generally. **Section 12** of this bill provides that the fee for registration of an off-highway vehicle is the same for all off-highway vehicles, regardless of whether the owner of a large all-terrain vehicle chooses to register the vehicle as a motor vehicle intended for use on a highway. **Sections 4 and 13** of this bill allow large all-terrain vehicles to be operated on a general county road or minor county road, unless the applicable city or county prohibits such use, provided that such vehicles are registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles for on-road use and have the requisite equipment for on-road use. **Section 10** of this bill requires that the registration sticker or decal of a large all-terrain vehicle registered as a motor vehicle intended for use on a highway be distinguishable from the sticker or decal of other off-highway vehicles. **Section 14** of this bill provides that operating or knowingly allowing the operation of a large all-terrain vehicle registered as a motor vehicle intended for use on a highway without having the required insurance is punishable as a misdemeanor and the imposition of a fine not to exceed \$100.

Insurance

