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To: Transportation; County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 770

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES ON
2 COUNTY TWO LANE ROADS FOR WORK RELATED PURPOSES ONLY; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 5.** (1) For the purposes of this act, the term
6 "all-terrain vehicle" means any motorized vehicle manufactured and
7 designed exclusively for off-road use that is fifty (50) inches or
8 less in width, has an unladen dry weight of six hundred (600)
9 pounds or less, travels on three (3), four (4) or more low
10 pressure tires, has a seat designed to be straddled by the
11 operator and uses handlebars for steering control.

12 (2) An all-terrain vehicle, as defined in subsection (1) of
13 this section, may be operated on any county two-lane road that is
14 under the jurisdiction of the board of supervisors when being used
15 for work related purposes only. All-terrain vehicles that are
16 operated on a county two-lane road shall meet the following
17 additional requirements:

18 (a) The all-terrain vehicle shall display a triangular
19 slow-moving-vehicle emblem as required under Section 63-7-91;

20 (b) The all-terrain vehicle shall only be operated on
21 roads between sunrise and sunset; and

22 (c) The all-terrain vehicle shall be operated with its
23 lights on at all times.

24 (3) A person operating an all-terrain vehicle as authorized
25 under this section shall have all the rights and duties applicable
26 to drivers or riders of vehicles under Section 63-3-207.

27 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
28 and after July 1, 2005.