

By: Senator(s) McMahan

To: Local and Private

SENATE BILL NO. 2149

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF  
 2 GUNTOWN, MISSISSIPPI, TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF SIDE-BY-SIDE  
 3 VEHICLES ON CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS AND STREETS WITHIN THE CITY; TO  
 4 REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS OPERATING A SIDE-BY-SIDE VEHICLE TO HAVE A  
 5 VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE AND PROOF OF INSURANCE; TO REQUIRE  
 6 SIDE-BY-SIDE VEHICLES TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE CITY; TO AUTHORIZE  
 7 THE CITY TO CHARGE A REGISTRATION FEE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** As used in this act, unless a different meaning  
 10 clearly appears in the context, the following terms shall have the  
 11 following meanings:

12 (a) "City" means the City of Guntown, Mississippi.

13 (b) "Governing authorities" means the Mayor and Board  
 14 of Aldermen of the city.

15 (c) "Side-by-side vehicle" means a four-wheeled,  
 16 motorized vehicle designed for off-road use and equipped with  
 17 lights, blinkers, seat belts, a horn, and a two-passenger front  
 18 seat.

19 **SECTION 2.** (1) The governing authorities may, in their  
 20 discretion, by ordinance, authorize the operation of side-by-side



21 vehicles only on public roads and streets in the city. The  
22 authorization must be embodied in an ordinance and recorded on the  
23 minutes of the Board of Aldermen. The authorization may be  
24 accompanied by conditions not inconsistent with this act and may  
25 be revoked, in whole or in part, by the governing authorities at  
26 any time.

27 (2) Any person operating a side-by-side vehicle on the  
28 public roads and streets in the city under this act must have in  
29 his or her possession a valid driver's license from this state or  
30 another state and proof of insurance, including at least Fifty  
31 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of liability insurance, and follow  
32 the applicable requirements of Section 63-15-1 et seq.,  
33 Mississippi Code of 1972.

34 **SECTION 3.** (1) Any person operating a side-by-side vehicle  
35 as authorized under this act on a public road or street shall be  
36 required to register the vehicle with the city. The owner of the  
37 side-by-side vehicle shall be issued a registration decal by the  
38 city that must be displayed as determined by the city. The  
39 registration shall remain valid for as long as the registering  
40 owner owns the side-by-side vehicle.

41 (2) The city may, by ordinance, establish a registration fee  
42 for side-by-side vehicles. The registration fee shall be retained  
43 by the city clerk and deposited into the municipal general fund.

44 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
45 and after its passage.

