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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the operation of all-terrain vehicles
2 during daylight hours within cities of a certain size and
3 on secondary roads within a limited distance of the owner's
4 residence, and making penalties applicable.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.234A, subsection 1, Code 2009, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *f.* The operation is between sunrise and
4 sunset on a highway within a city with a population of six
5 thousand or less.

6 NEW PARAGRAPH. *g.* The operation is between sunrise and
7 sunset on a secondary road not more than four miles from the
8 residence of the owner of the all-terrain vehicle.

9 Sec. 2. Section 321.234A, Code 2009, is amended by adding
10 the following new subsection:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. The motor vehicle laws and penalties
12 applicable to operators of motor vehicles pursuant to this
13 chapter apply to a person operating an all-terrain vehicle on a
14 public highway to the extent practically applicable.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill eases restrictions on the operation of all-terrain
17 vehicles on public highways. Currently, an all-terrain vehicle
18 may not be operated on a highway except for agricultural
19 purposes during daylight hours; for land surveying by a
20 licensed engineer or land surveyor; by an employee of a
21 political subdivision or public utility for construction or
22 maintenance purposes; by an employee or agent of a public
23 agency for the provision of emergency services or rescue;
24 or for the purpose of mowing, installing trail signs,
25 or performing maintenance on a designated snowmobile or
26 all-terrain vehicle trail.

27 The bill allows a person to operate an all-terrain vehicle
28 between sunrise and sunset on a highway within a city with
29 a population of 6,000 or less or on a secondary road not
30 more than four miles from the residence of the owner of the
31 all-terrain vehicle.

32 The bill specifies that a person operating an all-terrain
33 vehicle on a public highway is subject to the motor vehicle
34 laws and penalties applicable to operators of motor vehicles,
35 to the extent those laws and penalties are applicable.

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1 Pursuant to current law, a violation of provisions specific
2 to the use of all-terrain vehicles on a highway is a simple
3 misdemeanor punishable by a scheduled fine of \$50.