

House Study Bill 585 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON RAYHONS)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning the definition of off-road utility vehicle
2 for purposes of regulation by the department of natural
3 resources.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321I.1, subsection 17, paragraph a, Code
2 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. *"Off-road utility vehicle"* means a motorized vehicle with
4 not less than four and not more than eight nonhighway tires or
5 rubberized tracks ~~that is limited in engine displacement to~~
6 ~~less than one thousand five hundred cubic centimeters and in~~
7 ~~total dry weight to not more than two thousand pounds and that~~
8 has a seat that is of bucket or bench design, not intended to
9 be straddled by the operator, and a steering wheel or control
10 levers for control. *"Off-road utility vehicle"* includes the
11 following vehicles:

12 (1) *"Off-road utility vehicle — type 1"* means an off-road
13 utility vehicle with a total dry weight of one thousand two
14 hundred pounds or less and a width of fifty inches or less.

15 (2) *"Off-road utility vehicle — type 2"* means an off-road
16 utility vehicle, other than a type 1 off-road utility vehicle,
17 with a total dry weight of two thousand pounds or less, and a
18 width of sixty-five inches or less.

19 (3) *"Off-road utility vehicle — type 3"* means an off-road
20 utility vehicle with a total dry weight of more than two
21 thousand pounds or a width of more than sixty-five inches, or
22 both.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill revises the definition of "off-road utility
27 vehicle" in Code chapter 321I, which provides for the
28 registration and regulation of all-terrain and off-road utility
29 vehicles by the department of natural resources and authorizes
30 and limits the use of those vehicles on designated riding
31 areas and trails. "Off-road utility vehicle" is defined as a
32 motorized vehicle with not less than four and not more than
33 eight nonhighway tires or rubberized tracks, a bucket or bench
34 seat, and a steering wheel or control levers. The current
35 definition of "off-road utility vehicle" includes vehicles with

1 an engine displacement of less than 1,500 cubic centimeters and
2 a total dry weight of less than 2,000 pounds. The bill strikes
3 the limitation on engine size and establishes three off-road
4 utility vehicle classifications based on weight and width as
5 follows:

6 "Off-road utility vehicle — type 1" includes vehicles with
7 a total dry weight of 1,200 pounds or less and a width of 50
8 inches or less.

9 "Off-road utility vehicle — type 2" includes vehicles,
10 other than type 1 vehicles, with a total dry weight of 2,000
11 pounds or less and a width of 65 inches or less.

12 "Off-road utility vehicle — type 3" includes vehicles with
13 a total dry weight of more than 2,000 pounds or a width of more
14 than 65 inches, or both.