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(COMPANION TO SF 2042 BY
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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the operation of off-road utility vehicles
- 2 on state park road systems.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321I.10, Code 2024, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. A registered off-road utility vehicle
4 may be operated on state park road systems, and may be
5 operated anywhere within the boundaries of a state park that a
6 motor vehicle required to be registered under chapter 321 is
7 authorized to operate.

8 EXPLANATION

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

11 Current law generally prohibits the operation of all-terrain
12 vehicles (ATVs) and off-road utility vehicles (UTVs) on
13 roadways and highways unless otherwise authorized by law.
14 Registered ATVs and UTVs are allowed to operate on undivided
15 two-lane primary highways that are not part of the interstate
16 road system between specified locations, on unpaved secondary
17 roads, on certain paved, undivided secondary roads between
18 specified locations, or on roads or streets otherwise
19 authorized by the county board of supervisors or a city.

20 This bill authorizes registered UTVs to be operated on
21 state park road systems, and anywhere within the boundaries of
22 a state park that a motor vehicle required to be registered
23 under Code chapter 321 (motor vehicles and law of the road) is
24 authorized to operate. "State park road system" means those
25 roads and streets wholly within the boundaries of state lands
26 operated as parks (Code section 306.3).

27 A person who violates Code section 321I.10 commits a simple
28 misdemeanor punishable by a scheduled fine of \$70.

29 Pursuant to Code section 461A.36, the maximum speed limit
30 of all vehicles on state park roads and highways is 35 miles
31 per hour, unless a lower speed limit is posted. All driving
32 must be confined to designated roadways. A violation of this
33 provision is a simple misdemeanor punishable by a scheduled
34 fine under Code section 805.8A(5). The amount of the fine is
35 based on the vehicle's speed in excess of the applicable limit.