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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-  
12 terrain vehicles (ATVs) and off-road utility vehicles (UTVs)  
13 on roadways and highways unless otherwise authorized by  
14 law. Registered ATVs and UTVs are allowed to operate on  
15 undivided two-lane primary highways that are not part of the  
16 interstate road system between specified locations, on unpaved  
17 secondary roads, on certain paved, undivided secondary roads  
18 between 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.