

House File 697 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 540)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the operation of an all-terrain vehicle
2 modified to carry an additional person as a passenger.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321I.14, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. Paragraph "a" does not apply to a person who operates an
4 all-terrain vehicle as part of a farm operation as defined in
5 section 352.2, or a person who operates an all-terrain vehicle
6 modified to carry no more than one additional person so long as
7 the modification is an aftermarket product or original equipment
8 manufacturer product that is both specifically designed to carry
9 a person as a passenger on the type of all-terrain vehicle to
10 which the product is secured and is manufactured for commercial
11 sale.

12 EXPLANATION

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

15 Under current law, a person is prohibited from operating an
16 all-terrain vehicle (ATV) with more persons on the ATV than the
17 ATV was designed to carry, unless the person is operating an
18 ATV as part of a farm operation. A person who violates this
19 provision commits a simple misdemeanor punishable by a scheduled
20 fine of \$135.

21 This bill provides an exception to the ATV passenger limit
22 for a person operating an ATV that is modified to carry no
23 more than one additional person so long as the modification
24 is an aftermarket product or original equipment manufacturer
25 product that is both specifically designed to carry a person as a
26 passenger on the type of ATV to which the product is secured and
27 is manufactured for commercial sale.