

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SNOWMOBILES AND
RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Introduced By: Senators F. Lombardi, Ciccone, de la Cruz, Rogers, E Morgan, and
Pearson

Date Introduced: February 16, 2023

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-3.2-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3.2 entitled
2 "Snowmobiles and Recreational Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-3.2-6. Rules and regulations.**

4 (a) With a view of achieving maximum use of snowmobiles and/or recreational vehicles,
5 the director of natural resources shall adopt rules and regulations for the following purposes:

6 (1) Registration of snowmobiles and recreational vehicles and display of registration
7 numbers.

8 (2) Use of snowmobiles and recreational vehicles insofar as game and fish resources are
9 affected.

10 (3) Use of snowmobiles and recreational vehicles on public lands and waters under the
11 jurisdiction of the director and shall by January 1, 2024, designate areas where operating and/or
12 driving a recreational vehicle shall be permitted. Designated areas shall include trails and open
13 spaces.

14 (4) Uniform signs to be used by the state, counties, cities and towns, which are necessary
15 or desirable to control, direct, or regulate the operation and use of snowmobiles and recreational
16 vehicles.

17 (5) Specifications relating to snowmobiles and recreational vehicles' mufflers.

18 (b) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles may adopt rules and regulations not

1 inconsistent with this chapter in the manner provided by this title regulating the use of snowmobiles
2 and recreational vehicles on streets and highways.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide that the director of department of environment management shall
- 2 by January 1, 2024 designate areas where operating recreational vehicles shall be permitted.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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