



# HOUSE BILL 155: Titles for Off-Road Veh./Low Speed Veh. Insp.

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## **OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 155 would:*

- *Authorize the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue certificates of title for all-terrain vehicles and utility vehicles.*
- *Remove travel-lane based operation limitation on modified utility vehicles.*
- *Authorize off-site safety inspections of low-speed vehicles by licensed safety inspection stations.*

## **CURRENT LAW/BILL ANALYSIS:**

**Section 1** would make various changes to the laws that relate to all-terrain vehicles, modified utility vehicles, and low-speed vehicles.

Currently, the Division of Motor Vehicles does not issue certificates of title for all-terrain vehicles or utility vehicles.

Subsections (a) and (b) of this section would authorize the Division to accept owner applications, and issue certificates of titles, for all-terrain vehicles and utility vehicles and make conforming changes to the laws that prohibit the issuance of certificates of title for those vehicles.

Currently, operation of modified utility vehicles is authorized on streets and highways which are posted as 55 mph or less, however, modified utility vehicles are only authorized to operate on streets and highways which include 4 or more travel lanes which are posted as 35 mph or less.

Subsection (c) of this section removes the lane-based operation limitation, which would authorize modified utility vehicles to operate on any street or highway posted as 55 mph or less.

This section would become effective October 1, 2024.

**Section 2:** Currently, vehicle safety inspections must be performed by a licensed safety inspection mechanic at either a licensed safety inspection station or a licensed safety self-inspector's place of business.

This section would authorize licensed safety inspection stations that employ a licensed safety inspection mechanic to perform safety inspections for low-speed vehicles at a location other than the inspection station and require the Department of Transportation to adopt rules accordingly.

The substantive portions of this section would become effective July 1, 2025, and would apply to low-speed vehicles inspected on or after that date.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Except as otherwise provided, this act would become effective when it becomes law.

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