



HOUSE BILL 155: Titles for Off-Road Vehicles/Low-Speed Vehicle Inspections.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:		Date:	September 10, 2024
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Analysis of:	S.L. 2024-46		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2024-46 does the following:*

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

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on July 3, 2024, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on September 9, 2024. This act has various effective dates. Please see full summary for more details.

CURRENT LAW/BILL ANALYSIS:

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

Currently, the Division of Motor Vehicles (Division) does not issue certificates of title for all-terrain vehicles or utility vehicles. **Subsections (a) and (b)** of this section 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 authorizes modified utility vehicles to operate on any street or highway posted as 55 mph or less.

This section becomes 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 of the act authorizes 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 requires the Department of Transportation to adopt rules accordingly.

The substantive portion of this section becomes effective July 1, 2025, and applies to low-speed vehicles inspected on or after that date.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill was vetoed by the Governor on July 3, 2024, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on September 9, 2024. Section 1 of this act becomes effective October 1, 2024; the substantive portion of Section 2 becomes effective July 1, 2025, and applies to low-speed vehicles inspected on or after that date. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective September 9, 2024.