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HOUSE BILL NO. 1249

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

WILDLIFE/MGT AREAS: Provides with respect to the use of certain ATVs in wildlife management areas

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:109.1, relative to wildlife management areas; to provide for
3 rules and regulations; to provide for the use of certain vehicles on wildlife
4 management areas; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:109.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §109.1. Use of all-terrain vehicle trails on wildlife management areas

8 A. The department shall keep at least one all-terrain vehicle trail on each
9 department-owned wildlife management area that has such a trail open throughout
10 the year. The department may temporarily close the year-round trail if weather or
11 other conditions render the use of the trail a public safety or an environmental
12 hazard. Access to the year-round trail shall be granted for use by all-terrain vehicles,
13 motorcycles, horses, and bicycles, under rules and regulations promulgated under the
14 Administrative Procedure Act. Persons using the year-round all-terrain vehicle trails
15 shall possess a WMA permit. A violation of the provisions of ~~the~~ this Section, or
16 rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, shall constitute a class one
17 violation.

18 B. Rules and regulations providing for the use of all-terrain vehicles used on
19 wildlife management areas shall not limit the maximum size of such vehicles to less

1 than one thousand two hundred pounds in weight, one hundred fourteen inches in
2 length, and sixty-one inches in width.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the rules and regulations providing for the use of all-terrain vehicles on wildlife management areas to set a maximum size less than 1,200 lbs., 114" in length, and 61" in width.

Present law requires the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to keep at least one ATV trail open throughout the year at each wildlife management area that has ATV trails. The year-round trail shall be available for use by ATVs, motorcycles, horses, and bicycles, as provided by rules and regulations.

Present law allows the department to temporarily close the year-round trail if weather or other conditions cause it to become a public safety or environmental hazard. Persons utilizing the trail shall possess a WMA permit. Violations of present law are class one violations.

Proposed law retains present law and prohibits the rules and regulations from setting a maximum size on ATVs less than 1,200 lbs., 114" in length, and 61" in width.

(Amends R.S. 56:109.1)