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FOR House Bill No. 3240

(By Delegates White and Kominar)

Passed April 11, 2009

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AN ACT to amend and reenact §17F-1-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to all-terrain vehicle rider safety awareness courses; authorizing the commissioner of Motor Vehicles to authorize state institutions of higher education to issue certificates of completion; and limiting the liability of the state institutions of higher education which operate, own, train or promote all-terrain vehicle rider safety awareness courses approved by the commissioner.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §17F-1-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

## §17F-1-2. Safety awareness courses.

- 1 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall offer a
- 2 free all-terrain vehicle rider safety awareness course, and
- 3 may approve other all-terrain vehicle rider safety awareness

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- 4 courses, to meet the reasonably anticipated needs of the
- 5 public. The commissioner shall offer free safety awareness
- 6 course materials to authorized dealers of all-terrain vehicles
- 7 for use by purchasers and potential purchasers free of charge.
- 8 (b) The commissioner shall issue certificates of 9 completion to persons who satisfactorily complete the requirements of an approved course. The commissioner may 10 11 authorize a dealer of all-terrain vehicles and other approved 12 providers to issue the certificates of completion. 13 commissioner may authorize a state institution of higher 14 education, which is the operator, owner, trainer or promoter of an all-terrain vehicle rider safety awareness course 15 16 approved by the commissioner, pursuant to subsection (a) of 17 this section, to issue the certificates of completion on behalf 18 of the commissioner.
- (c) No person under the age of eighteen may operate an all-terrain vehicle without a certificate of completion of a vehicle rider safety awareness course as offered or approved by the commissioner.
  - (d) The provisions of subsection (c) of this section do not apply to the operation of an all-terrain vehicle on any private or public recreational trail or area or affiliated trail or area operated by a person or entity which has in place a safety program.
- (e) No state institution of higher education, which 28 29 operates, owns, trains or promotes an all-terrain vehicle rider 30 safety awareness course approved by the commissioner, 31 pursuant to this section, is liable for personal injuries to, or 32 for the death of, a rider that may occur during an approved 33 all-terrain vehicle rider safety awareness course, unless an 34 employee or agent of the state institution of higher 35 education's acts or omissions are with malicious purpose, in 36 bad faith, or undertaken in a wanton or reckless manner.

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