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Senate Bill 380

By Senators Maynard and Plymale

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
designated §20-3-3a, relating to creating a two-year pilot program permitting all-terrain or
recreational vehicles on designated roads and trails in Cabwaylingo State Forest; and
making it unlawful to operate all-terrain or recreational vehicles in Cabwaylingo State
Forest without a special permit.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §20-3-3a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3. FORESTS AND WILDLIFE AREAS.

§20-3-3a. Cabwaylingo Pilot Project.

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- The director shall establish a two-year pilot project permitting all-terrain vehicles (ATVs)
 and off highway recreational vehicles (ORVs) to drive on roads and trails in Cabwaylingo State
 Forest designated and approved by the director. The director may establish special seasons and
 designate certain campgrounds and tent sites for ATV and ORV users in Cabwaylingo State
 Forest. The director may establish and require a special permit for purchase by the ATV and
 ORV users for road and trail access and may close any such areas, or parts thereof, to public
 use.
- 8 <u>It is unlawful at any time to operate an ATV or ORV on any roads and trails in Cabwaylingo</u>
- 9 State Forest without a special permit designated and approved by the director.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a two-year pilot program permitting recreational vehicles on designated roads and trails in Cabwaylingo State Forest after purchase of special permits. The bill also provides for designation of campgrounds and tent sites to be used by the ATV and ORV users.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.