Senate Bill 888

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Requires person 15 years of age or older operating Class IV or certain Class II all-terrain vehicles to carry and present both documentation of driving privileges and valid all-terrain vehicle operator permit.

Requires operator of Class IV or certain Class II all-terrain vehicles to complete safety education course or pass equivalency examination to obtain all-terrain vehicle operator permit.

Limits Class II all-terrain vehicle operator permits to persons 15 years of age or older.

Directs State Parks and Recreation Department to adopt rules to provide for Class II all-terrain vehicle safety education courses and to issue operator permit to person who has taken course.

Adds Class II all-terrain vehicle to various offenses relating to all-terrain vehicles.

Creates offense of operation of a Class II all-terrain vehicle without driving privileges. Punishes by maximum fine of \$500.

Creates offense of endangering a Class II all-terrain vehicle operator. Punishes by maximum fine of \$500.

Creates offense of failure to carry an all-terrain vehicle operator permit or to present an all-terrain vehicle operator permit to a police officer. Punishes by maximum fine of \$500.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to all-terrain vehicles; creating new provisions; amending ORS 390.555, 390.577, 807.020, 813.110, 821.165, 821.170, 821.172, 821.174, 821.176, 821.291, 821.292 and 821.293; and prescribing
- 4 an effective date.

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- Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 390.550 to 390.590.
 - <u>SECTION 2.</u> (1) The State Parks and Recreation Department shall issue or provide for issuance of a Class II all-terrain vehicle operator permit to any person who:
 - (a) Is at least 15 years of age and has taken a Class II all-terrain vehicle safety education course established under this section and has been found qualified to operate a Class II all-terrain vehicle that is not registered with the Department of Transportation; or
 - (b) Is at least 16 years of age, has five or more years of experience operating a Class II all-terrain vehicle off highways and passes an equivalency examination.
 - (2) The State Parks and Recreation Department shall adopt rules to provide for Class II all-terrain vehicle safety education courses, equivalency examinations and the issuance of Class II all-terrain vehicle operator permits consistent with this section. The rules adopted by the department shall be consistent with the following:
 - (a) The courses must be given by instructors designated by the department as qualified to conduct the courses and issue the permits.
 - (b) The instructors may be provided and permits issued through public or private local and state organizations meeting qualifications established by the department.
 - (c) The department may collect a fee of not more than \$5 from each participant in a

1 course established under this section.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> Sections 4, 5 and 6 of this 2023 Act are added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle Code.

SECTION 4. (1) A person 15 years of age or older commits the offense of operation of a Class II all-terrain vehicle without driving privileges if the person operates a Class II all-terrain vehicle that is not registered with the Department of Transportation on public lands and the person does not hold valid driving privileges and a valid Class II all-terrain vehicle operator permit issued under section 2 of this 2023 Act.

- (2) A child under 15 years of age commits the offense of operation of a Class II all-terrain vehicle without driving privileges if the child operates a Class II all-terrain vehicle that is not registered with the department on public lands.
 - (3) This section does not apply if the all-terrain vehicle is:
- (a) Used exclusively in farming, agricultural or forestry operations or used by persons licensed under ORS chapter 571 exclusively for nursery or Christmas tree growing operations; and
 - (b) Being used on land owned or leased by the owner of the vehicle.
- (4) The offense described in this section, operation of a Class II all-terrain vehicle without driving privileges, is a Class C traffic violation.

SECTION 5. (1) A person commits the offense of endangering a Class II all-terrain vehicle operator if the person is the parent, legal guardian or person with legal responsibility for the safety and welfare of a child under 15 years of age and the child operates a Class II all-terrain vehicle that is not registered with the Department of Transportation on public lands.

- (2) This section does not apply if the all-terrain vehicle is:
- (a) Used exclusively in farming, agricultural or forestry operations or used by persons licensed under ORS chapter 571 exclusively for nursery or Christmas tree growing operations; and
 - (b) Being used on land owned or leased by the owner of the vehicle.
- (3) The offense described in this section, endangering a Class II all-terrain vehicle operator, is a Class C traffic violation.

<u>SECTION 6.</u> (1) A person commits the offense of failure to carry an all-terrain vehicle operator permit or to present an all-terrain vehicle operator permit to a police officer if the person:

- (a) Operates a Class II all-terrain vehicle that is not registered with the Department of Transportation or a Class I, Class III or Class IV all-terrain vehicle on public lands without having in the person's possession a valid all-terrain vehicle operator permit issued under ORS 390.570, 390.575 or 390.577 or section 2 of this 2023 Act for the class of all-terrain vehicle being operated;
- (b) Is 15 years of age or older and operates on public lands without documentation of driving privileges in the person's possession:
 - (A) A Class II all-terrain vehicle that is not registered with the department; or
 - (B) A Class IV all-terrain vehicle; or
- (c) Does not present and deliver such all-terrain vehicle operator permit or documentation of driving privileges to a police officer when requested by the police officer under any of the following circumstances:
 - (A) Upon being lawfully stopped or detained when operating a Class II all-terrain vehicle

that is not registered with the department or a Class I, Class III or Class IV all-terrain vehicle.

- (B) When Class II all-terrain vehicle that is not registered with the department or a Class I, Class III or Class IV all-terrain vehicle that the person was operating is involved in an accident.
- (2) Except as provided in ORS 813.110, it is a defense to any charge under this section that the person so charged produce an all-terrain vehicle operator permit for the class of all-terrain vehicle that was being operated at the time of the offense or documentation of driving privileges if the operator permit or documentation had been issued to the person and was valid at the time of violation of this section.
- (3) A police officer may detain a person arrested or cited for the offense described in this section only for such time as reasonably necessary to investigate and verify the person's identity.
- (4) The offense described in this section, failure to carry an all-terrain vehicle operator permit or to present an all-terrain vehicle operator permit to a police officer, is a Class C violation.

SECTION 7. ORS 390.555 is amended to read:

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390.555. The All-Terrain Vehicle Account is established as a separate account in the State Parks and Recreation Department Fund, to be accounted for separately. Interest earned by the All-Terrain Vehicle Account shall be credited to the account. After deduction of expenses of collection, transfer and administration, including the expenses of establishment and operation of Class I, Class II, Class III and Class IV all-terrain vehicle safety education courses and examinations under ORS 390.570, 390.575 and 390.577 and section 2 of this 2023 Act, the following moneys shall be transferred to the account:

- (1) Fees collected by the State Parks and Recreation Department for issuance of operating permits for all-terrain vehicles under ORS 390.580 and 390.590.
- (2) Fees collected by the department from participants in the Class I, Class II, Class III and Class IV all-terrain vehicle safety education courses under ORS 390.570, 390.575 and 390.577 and section 2 of this 2023 Act.
- (3) The moneys transferred from the Department of Transportation under ORS 802.125 that represent unrefunded fuel tax.

SECTION 8. ORS 390.577 is amended to read:

- 390.577. (1) The State Parks and Recreation Department shall issue or provide for issuance of a Class IV all-terrain vehicle operator permit to any person who:
- (a) Has taken a Class IV all-terrain vehicle safety education course established under this section and has been found qualified to operate a Class IV all-terrain vehicle[.]; or
- (b) Is at least 16 years of age, has five or more years of experience operating a Class IV all-terrain vehicle and passes an equivalency examination.
- (2) The department shall adopt rules to provide for Class IV all-terrain vehicle safety education courses, equivalency examinations and the issuance of Class IV all-terrain vehicle operator permits consistent with this section. The rules adopted by the department shall be consistent with the following:
- (a) The courses must be given by instructors designated by the department as qualified to conduct the courses and issue the permits.
 - (b) The instructors may be provided and permits issued through public or private local and state

organizations meeting qualifications established by the department.

(c) The department may collect a fee of not more than \$5 from each participant in a course established under this section.

SECTION 9. ORS 807.020 is amended to read:

807.020. A person who is granted a driving privilege by this section may exercise the driving privilege described without violation of the requirements under ORS 807.010. A grant of driving privileges to operate a motor vehicle under this section is subject to suspension and revocation the same as other driving privileges granted under the vehicle code. This section is in addition to any exemptions from the vehicle code under ORS 801.026. The following persons are granted the described driving privileges:

- (1) A person who is not a resident of this state or who has been a resident of this state for less than 30 days may operate a motor vehicle without an Oregon license or driver permit if the person holds a current out-of-state license issued to the person. For the purpose of this subsection, a person is a resident of this state if the person meets the residency requirements described in ORS 807.062. To qualify under this subsection, the person must have the out-of-state license or driver permit in the person's possession. A person is not granted driving privileges under this subsection:
- (a) If the person is under the minimum age required to be eligible for driving privileges under ORS 807.060;
- (b) During a period of suspension or revocation by this state or any other jurisdiction of driving privileges or of the right to apply for a license or driver permit issued by this state or any other jurisdiction; or
- (c) That exceed the driving privileges granted to the person by the out-of-state license or driver permit.
- (2) A person who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or a member of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may operate a motor vehicle without an Oregon license or driver permit if the person is operating a motor vehicle in the course of the person's duties in the Armed Forces or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- (3) A person without a license or driver permit may operate a road roller or road machinery that is not required to be registered under the laws of this state.
- (4) A person without a license or driver permit may temporarily operate, draw, move or propel a farm tractor or implement of husbandry.
- (5) A person without a license or driver permit may operate a motor vehicle to demonstrate driving ability during the course of an examination administered under ORS 807.070 for the purpose of qualifying for a license or driver permit. This subsection only applies when an authorized examiner is in a seat beside the driver of the motor vehicle.
 - (6) Driving privileges for snowmobiles are exclusively as provided in ORS 821.150.
- (7) Driving privileges for Class I all-terrain vehicles are exclusively as provided in ORS 821.170, unless a person is operating a Class I all-terrain vehicle on an all-terrain vehicle highway access route that is designated by the Oregon Transportation Commission as open to all-terrain vehicles.
- (8) Driving privileges for Class II all-terrain vehicles are exclusively as provided in section 4 of this 2023 Act, unless a person is operating a Class II all-terrain vehicle on an all-terrain vehicle highway access route that is designated by the commission as open to all-terrain vehicles or the person is operating a Class II all-terrain vehicle that is registered with the Department of Transportation.

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- [(8)] (9) Driving privileges for Class III all-terrain vehicles are exclusively as provided in ORS 821.172, unless a person is operating a Class III all-terrain vehicle on an all-terrain vehicle highway access route that is designated by the commission as open to all-terrain vehicles.
- [(9)] (10) Driving privileges for Class IV all-terrain vehicles are exclusively as provided in ORS 821.176, unless a person is operating a Class IV all-terrain vehicle on an all-terrain vehicle highway access route that is designated by the commission as open to all-terrain vehicles.
- [(10)] (11) A person without a license or driver permit may operate a golf cart in accordance with an ordinance adopted under ORS 810.070.
- [(11)] (12) The spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty or the spouse of a member of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who is accompanying the member on assignment in this state may operate a motor vehicle if the spouse has a current out-of-state license or driver permit issued to the spouse by another state in the spouse's possession.
- [(12)] (13) A person who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty or a member of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may operate a motor vehicle if the person has a current out-of-state license or driver permit in the person's possession that is issued to the person by the person's state of domicile or by the Armed Forces of the United States in a foreign country. Driving privileges described under this subsection that are granted by the Armed Forces apply only for a period of 45 days from the time the person returns to the United States.
- [(13)] (14) A person who does not hold a motorcycle endorsement may operate a motorcycle if the person is:
 - (a) Within an enclosed cab;

- (b) Operating a vehicle designed to travel with three wheels in contact with the ground at speeds of less than 15 miles per hour; or
 - (c) Operating an autocycle.
- [(14)] (15) A person may operate a bicycle that is not an electric assisted bicycle without any grant of driving privileges.
- [(15)] (16) A person may operate an electric assisted bicycle without a driver license or driver permit if the person is 16 years of age or older.
- [(16)] (17) A person may operate a motor assisted scooter without a driver license or driver permit if the person is 16 years of age or older.
- [(17)] (18) A person who is not a resident of this state or who has been a resident of this state for less than 30 days may operate a motor vehicle without an Oregon license or driver permit if the person is at least 15 years of age and has in the person's possession a current out-of-state equivalent of a Class C instruction driver permit issued to the person. For the purpose of this subsection, a person is a resident of this state if the person meets the residency requirements described in ORS 807.062. A person operating a motor vehicle under authority of this subsection has the same privileges and is subject to the same restrictions as a person operating under the authority of a Class C instruction driver permit issued as provided in ORS 807.280.
- [(18)] (19) A person may operate an electric personal assistive mobility device without any grant of driving privileges if the person is 16 years of age or older.

SECTION 10. ORS 813.110 is amended to read:

813.110. (1) Except as otherwise provided by this section, police officers, on behalf of the Department of Transportation, shall issue temporary driving permits described under this section to

persons when required under ORS 813.100. 1

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- (2) The department shall provide police departments and agencies with permits for issuance as required by this section. The department shall establish the form and content of permits described in this section as the department determines appropriate, but in a manner consistent with this section.
 - (3) A permit described in this section is subject to all the following:
- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the permit is valid until the 30th day after the date of arrest.
- 9 (b) During the 12-hour period following issuance of the permit, the person is subject to ORS 807.570 and section 6 of this 2023 Act, and the permit is not a defense to a charge under ORS 807.570 or section 6 of this 2023 Act.
 - (c) The permit shall be issued without payment of any fee.
 - (d) The permit grants the same driving privileges as those granted by the person's license taken into possession under ORS 813.100.
 - (4) A police officer shall not issue a permit under this section if:
 - (a) Driving privileges of the person were suspended, revoked or canceled at the time the person was arrested;
 - (b) The person whose license was taken into custody was operating on an invalid license;
 - (c) The person was not entitled to driving privileges at the time of the arrest for any other reason; or
 - (d) The person holds a license or permit granting driving privileges that was issued by another state or jurisdiction and that is not taken into custody under ORS 813.100.
 - SECTION 11. ORS 821.165 is amended to read:
 - 821.165. As used in ORS 821.170, 821.172, 821.176, 821.192, 821.291, 821.292 and 821.293 and sections 4, 5 and 6 of this 2023 Act, "public lands" includes privately owned land that is open to the general public for the use of all-terrain vehicles as the result of funding from the All-Terrain Vehicle Account under ORS 390.560.

SECTION 12. ORS 821.170 is amended to read:

- 821.170. (1) A person 16 years of age or older commits the offense of operation of a Class I allterrain vehicle without driving privileges if the person operates a Class I all-terrain vehicle on public lands and the person does not hold a valid Class I all-terrain vehicle operator permit issued under ORS 390.570.
- (2) A child under 16 years of age commits the offense of operation of a Class I all-terrain vehicle without driving privileges if the child operates a Class I all-terrain vehicle on public lands and the child does not meet all the following conditions:
- (a) The child must be accompanied by a person who is at least 18 years of age, holds a valid all-terrain vehicle operator permit issued under ORS 390.570, 390.575 or 390.577 or section 2 of this 2023 Act and is able to provide immediate assistance and direction to the child.
- (b) The child must hold a valid Class I all-terrain vehicle operator permit issued under ORS 390.570.
- (c) The child must meet rider fit guidelines established by the State Parks and Recreation Department under ORS 390.585.
 - (3) This section does not apply if the all-terrain vehicle is:
- (a) Used exclusively in farming, agricultural or forestry operations or used by persons licensed under ORS chapter 571 exclusively for nursery or Christmas tree growing operations; and

- (b) Being used on land owned or leased by the owner of the vehicle.
- (4) The offense described in this section, operation of Class I all-terrain vehicle without driving privileges, is a Class C traffic violation.

SECTION 13. ORS 821.172 is amended to read:

- 821.172. (1) A person 16 years of age or older commits the offense of operation of a Class III all-terrain vehicle without driving privileges if the person operates a Class III all-terrain vehicle on public lands and the person does not hold a valid Class III all-terrain vehicle operator permit issued under ORS 390.575.
- (2) A child under 16 years of age commits the offense of operation of a Class III all-terrain vehicle without driving privileges if the child operates a Class III all-terrain vehicle on public lands and the child does not meet all the following conditions:
- (a) The child must be accompanied by a person who is at least 18 years of age, holds a valid all-terrain vehicle operator permit issued under ORS 390.570, 390.575 or 390.577 or section 2 of this 2023 Act and is able to provide immediate assistance and direction to the child.
- (b) The child must hold a valid Class III all-terrain vehicle operator permit issued under ORS 390.575.
- (3) A child under seven years of age may not operate a Class III all-terrain vehicle on public lands.
 - (4) This section does not apply if the all-terrain vehicle is:
 - (a) Used exclusively in farming, agricultural or forestry operations or used by persons licensed under ORS chapter 571 exclusively for nursery or Christmas tree growing operations; and
 - (b) Being used on land owned or leased by the owner of the vehicle.
 - (5) The offense described in this section, operation of a Class III all-terrain vehicle without driving privileges, is a Class C traffic violation.

SECTION 14. ORS 821.174 is amended to read:

821.174. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person may not operate a Class I, **Class III**, Class III or Class IV all-terrain vehicle while the person's driving privileges are suspended or revoked. A person who violates this section is in violation of ORS 811.175 or 811.182, as appropriate.

SECTION 15. ORS 821.176 is amended to read:

- 821.176. (1) A person **15 years of age or older** commits the offense of operation of a Class IV all-terrain vehicle without driving privileges if the person operates a Class IV all-terrain vehicle on public lands and the person does not hold [a valid driver license issued under ORS 807.040] valid driving privileges and a valid Class IV all-terrain vehicle operator permit issued under ORS **390.577**.
 - [(2) This section does not apply to a child under the age of 16 if:]
- (2) A child under 15 years of age commits the offense of operation of a Class IV all-terrain vehicle without driving privileges if the child operates a Class IV all-terrain vehicle on public lands and the child does not meet all of the following conditions:
- (a) The child's age [complies] **must comply** with the manufacturer's minimum age recommendation as evidenced by the manufacturer's warning label affixed to the vehicle;
- (b) The child [is] **must be** accompanied by a person who is at least 18 years of age, [who] holds [a] valid **driving privileges, holds a valid** all-terrain vehicle operator permit issued under ORS 390.570, 390.575 or 390.577 **or section 2 of this 2023 Act** and [who] is able to provide immediate assistance and direction to the child; and
 - (c) The child [holds a] must hold a valid Class IV all-terrain vehicle operator permit issued

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- (3) This section does not apply if:
- 3 (a) The vehicle is used exclusively in farming, agricultural or forestry operations or used by 4 persons licensed under ORS chapter 571 exclusively for nursery or Christmas tree growing oper-5 ations; [or] and
 - (b) The vehicle is being used on land owned or leased by the owner of the vehicle.
 - (4) The offense described in this section, operation of a Class IV all-terrain vehicle without driving privileges, is a Class C traffic violation.

SECTION 16. ORS 821.291 is amended to read:

- 821.291. (1) A person commits the offense of endangering a Class I all-terrain vehicle operator if the person is the parent, legal guardian or person with legal responsibility for the safety and welfare of a child under 16 years of age, the child operates a Class I all-terrain vehicle on public lands and the child:
- (a) Does not [possess a] hold a valid Class I all-terrain vehicle operator permit issued under ORS 390.570;
- (b) Is not accompanied by a person who is at least 18 years of age, holds a valid all-terrain vehicle operator permit issued under ORS 390.570, 390.575 or 390.577 or section 2 of this 2023 Act and is able to provide immediate assistance and direction to the child; or
- (c) Is not in compliance with the rider fit guidelines established by the Parks and Recreation Department under ORS 390.585.
 - (2) This section does not apply if the all-terrain vehicle is:
- (a) Used exclusively in farming, agricultural or forestry operations or used by persons licensed under ORS chapter 571 exclusively for nursery or Christmas tree growing operations; and
 - (b) Being used on land owned or leased by the owner of the vehicle.
- (3) The offense described in this section, endangering a Class I all-terrain vehicle operator, is a Class C traffic violation.

SECTION 17. ORS 821.292 is amended to read:

- 821.292. (1) A person commits the offense of endangering a Class III all-terrain vehicle operator if the person is the parent, legal guardian or person with legal responsibility for the safety and welfare of a child at least seven years of age but under 16 years of age, the child operates a Class III all-terrain vehicle on public lands and the child:
- (a) Does not [possess a] **hold a valid** Class III all-terrain vehicle operator permit issued under ORS 390.575; or
- (b) Is not accompanied by a person who is at least 18 years of age, holds a valid all-terrain vehicle operator permit issued under ORS 390.570, 390.575 or 390.577 or section 2 of this 2023 Act and is able to provide immediate assistance and direction to the child.
 - (2) This section does not apply if the all-terrain vehicle is:
- (a) Used exclusively in farming, agricultural or forestry operations or used by persons licensed under ORS chapter 571 exclusively for nursery or Christmas tree growing operations; and
 - (b) Being used on land owned or leased by the owner of the vehicle.
- (3) The offense described in this section, endangering a Class III all-terrain vehicle operator, is a Class C traffic violation.

SECTION 18. ORS 821.293 is amended to read:

821.293. (1) A person commits the offense of endangering a Class IV all-terrain vehicle operator if the person is the parent, legal guardian or person with legal responsibility for the safety and

- welfare of a child under [16] 15 years of age, the child operates a Class IV all-terrain vehicle on public lands and the child:
- (a) Does not [possess a] hold a valid Class IV all-terrain vehicle operator permit issued under ORS 390.577;
- (b) Is not accompanied by a person who is at least 18 years of age, **holds valid driving privileges**, holds a valid all-terrain vehicle operator permit issued under ORS 390.570, 390.575 or 390.577 or section 2 of this 2023 Act and is able to provide immediate assistance and direction to the child;
- (c) Is not in compliance with the manufacturer's minimum age recommendation as evidenced by the manufacturer's warning label affixed to the vehicle; or
- (d) Is not in compliance with the rider fit guidelines established by the State Parks and Recreation Department under ORS 390.585.
 - (2) This section does not apply if the all-terrain vehicle is:
- (a) Used exclusively in farming, agricultural or forestry operations or used by persons licensed under ORS chapter 571 exclusively for nursery or Christmas tree growing operations; and
 - (b) Being used on land owned or leased by the owner of the vehicle.
- (3) The offense described in this section, endangering a Class IV all-terrain vehicle operator, is a Class C traffic violation.
- <u>SECTION 19.</u> (1) Sections 2 and 4 to 6 of this 2023 Act and the amendments to ORS 390.555, 390.577, 807.020, 813.110, 821.165, 821.170, 821.172, 821.174, 821.176, 821.291, 821.292 and 821.293 by sections 7 to 18 of this 2023 Act become operative on January 1, 2024.
- (2) The State Parks and Recreation Department may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary for the department to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the department by sections 2 and 4 to 6 of this 2023 Act and the amendments to ORS 390.555, 390.577, 807.020, 813.110, 821.165, 821.170, 821.172, 821.174, 821.176, 821.291, 821.292 and 821.293 by sections 7 to 18 of this 2023 Act.
- SECTION 20. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.