

**Enrolled**  
**House Bill 2232**

Sponsored by Representative OSBORNE; Representatives DIEHL, GOMBERG, HARBICK, HELFRICH, LEVY B, RESCHKE, YUNKER (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to off-road vehicle equipment standards; amending ORS 821.030 and 821.220; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** ORS 821.030 is amended to read:

821.030. For purposes of the equipment requirements for off-road vehicles under ORS 821.040, the *[following agencies may establish the described equipment requirements for vehicles:]*

*[(1) The Director of Transportation]* **State Parks and Recreation Department** may adopt rules to do the following:

*[(a)]* (1) Establish the type of brakes an off-road vehicle must be equipped with to be in compliance with ORS 821.040.

*[(b)]* (2) Establish the type of flag that must be used under ORS 821.040 on an off-road vehicle when it is operated on sand.

*[(c)]* (3) Require other safety equipment that must be used by off-road vehicles in order to comply with ORS 821.040.

*[(2)]* (4) *[The Environmental Quality Commission may]* Adopt standards for noise emissions of mufflers that are required for off-road vehicles for compliance with ORS 821.040.

**SECTION 2.** ORS 821.220 is amended to read:

821.220. (1) A person commits the offense of operating an improperly equipped all-terrain vehicle if the person operates any all-terrain vehicle without the following equipment:

(a) An adequate braking device that may be operated either by hand or foot.

(b) An adequate and operating muffling device that shall be maintained in good working order and in constant operation and shall effectively blend the exhaust and motor noise in such a manner so as to comply with all applicable noise emission standards established by the *[Department of Environmental Quality]* **State Parks and Recreation Department**.

(2) The department *[of Environmental Quality]* shall establish procedures for testing of noise levels consistent with this section.

(3) All-terrain vehicles used in organized racing events in an area designated for that purpose shall comply with the motor sports vehicles and facilities regulations of the department *[of Environmental Quality]*.

(4) In addition to other penalties provided by this section, the owner or operator of an all-terrain vehicle may be liable as provided under ORS 821.310.

(5) The offense described in this section, operating an improperly equipped all-terrain vehicle, is a Class C traffic violation.

**SECTION 3.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.

**Passed by House February 27, 2025**

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Julie Fahey, Speaker of House

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Rob Wagner, President of Senate

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