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SENATE BILL 254

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE ACT TO PROVIDE FOR OPERATION OF OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLES ON PAVED STREETS OR HIGHWAYS WITH POSTED SPEED LIMITS OF THIRTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR OR LESS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**SECTION 1.** Section 66-3-1011 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 240, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-1011. OPERATION ON STREETS OR HIGHWAYS--PROHIBITED AREAS.--

A. A person shall not operate an off-highway motor vehicle on any:

(1) limited access highway or freeway at any time; or

(2) [~~any~~] paved street or highway with a

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1 posted speed limit above thirty-five miles per hour, except as  
2 provided in Subsection B of this section.

3 B. Off-highway motor vehicles may cross streets or  
4 highways, except limited access highways or freeways, if the  
5 crossings are made after coming to a complete stop prior to  
6 entering the roadway. Off-highway motor vehicles shall yield  
7 the right of way to oncoming traffic and shall begin a crossing  
8 only when it can be executed safely and then cross in the most  
9 direct manner as close to a perpendicular angle as possible.

10 C. A person shall not operate an off-highway motor  
11 vehicle on state game commission-owned, -controlled or  
12 -administered land except as specifically allowed pursuant to  
13 Chapter 17, Article 6 NMSA 1978.

14 D. A person shall not operate an off-highway motor  
15 vehicle on land owned, controlled or administered by the state  
16 parks division of the energy, minerals and natural resources  
17 department, pursuant to Chapter 16, Article 2 NMSA 1978, except  
18 in areas designated by and permitted by rules adopted by the  
19 secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources.

20 E. Unless authorized, a person shall not:

21 (1) remove, deface or destroy any official  
22 sign installed by a state, federal, local or private land  
23 management agency; or

24 (2) install any off-highway motor vehicle-  
25 related sign."

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