



**State of Arkansas
Department of Finance and Administration
Fiscal Impact Statement**

Bill: HB1606

Bill Subtitle: TO ALLOW A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF A UTILITY TASK VEHICLE ON A DESIGNATED PUBLIC STREET OR HIGHWAY WITHIN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S JURISDICTION SUBJECT TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.

Sponsor:

Rep. Steimel

Basic Change:

HB1606 allows a local government to authorize the operation of a utility task vehicle on a public street or highway.

A utility task vehicle (UTV) is defined as a vehicle that:

- Is 80 inches or less in width;
- Travels on four or more low-pressure tires;
- Has a steering wheel;
- Has non-straddle seating;
- Has a rollover protection system;
- Is designed for or capable of travel over unimproved terrain; and
- Is powered by an internal combustion engine that has an engine displacement of at least 900 cubic centimeters.

HB1606 allows a local government to authorize the operation of a utility task vehicle on a public street or highway. The governing body of a city may adopt an ordinance designating a street or highway as being open to the operation of a UTV by following the requirements of § 27-21-111. A person may only operate a UTV on a public street or highway in the state if:

- The UTV is used in the same manner as authorized by law for an ATV;
- The street or highway has been designated by the local government as open to UTVs;
- The UTV is equipped with at least two headlamps, rear-facing turn signals, at least one brake light, and seatbelts;
- The operator has a valid driver's license and complies with any license restrictions;
- The UTV is registered with the Office of Motor Vehicle of the Department of Finance and Administration (OMV) and the registration decal is affixed to the driver's side roll bar;
- Liability insurance is maintained that meets the requirements for private passenger motor vehicles and is carried on the UTV; and
- The UTV complies with the rules of the road.

Fiscal Impact:

None.



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Taxpayer Impact:

If approved by a local government, a UTV may be operated on a public street or highway provided that requirements of HB1606 are met.

Resources Required:

The Arkansas Integrated Revenue System (AIRS) Driver Services/Motor Vehicle (DSMV) will need to be modified with a project cost of \$22,000

Time Required:

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

Procedural Changes:

Updates will be required to the Office of Motor Vehicle (OMV) manual and the Department of Finance and Administration website. Training and Review sessions will be conducted for State Revenue Office, Office of Drivers Services, and Office of Motor Vehicle employees and staff. Notification will also be provided to the taxpayer community.

Other Comments:

None.

Legal Analysis:

None.