



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5139**

LCO No. 1474



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

**AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR OPERATING A  
SNOWMOBILE OR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE AT AN UNREASONABLE  
RATE OF SPEED OR IN A NEGLIGENT MANNER.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-386a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 No person shall operate a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle in the  
4 following manner: (1) At an unreasonable or imprudent rate of speed  
5 for existing conditions; (2) in a negligent manner so as to endanger any  
6 person or property; or (3) while under the influence of intoxicating  
7 liquor or any drug, or both, as provided in subsection (a) of section 14-  
8 227a. Any person who violates the provisions of subdivision (1) or (2) of  
9 this section, or any regulation relating thereto, shall be fined not more  
10 than [two hundred fifty] one thousand dollars for each offense. Any  
11 person who violates the provisions of subdivision (3) of this section shall  
12 be subject to the penalties set forth in section 14-227a. In addition  
13 thereto, the operator or owner, or both, of a snowmobile or all-terrain  
14 vehicle, shall be responsible and held accountable to the owner of any  
15 land where trees, shrubs, crops, fences or other property have been

16 damaged as a result of travel of such snowmobiles or all-terrain vehicles  
17 over such land, or where consequential damage has resulted from such  
18 travel. Proof of the registration number of the snowmobile or all-terrain  
19 vehicle shall be prima facie evidence in any prosecution or action for  
20 damages that the owner was the operator.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2020	14-386a

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase the maximum fine for operating a snow mobile or all-terrain vehicle at an unreasonable rate of speed or in a negligent manner.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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