

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-800.2, relating to operation*
3 *of certain vehicles on highways within localities embraced by the Southwest Regional Recreation*
4 *Authority.*

5 [S 373]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-800.2 as follows:**9 *§ 46.2-800.2. Operation of off-road recreational vehicles in localities embraced by the Southwest*
10 *Regional Recreation Authority.*11 *A. The governing body of any county, city, or town embraced by the Southwest Regional Recreation*
12 *Authority may by ordinance authorize the operation of any off-road recreational vehicles (i) on*
13 *highways within its boundaries that have a maximum speed limit of no more than 25 miles per hour and*
14 *(ii) for a distance of no more than five miles on any highway within its boundaries that has a maximum*
15 *speed limit of more than 25 miles per hour. Any such ordinance shall define "off-road recreational*
16 *vehicle." Any such operation shall be subject to the following conditions, and such additional*
17 *restrictions and limitations as the county, city, or town by ordinance may impose:*18 *1. Signs whose design, number, and location are approved by the Virginia Department of*
19 *Transportation shall have been posted by the county, city, town, or Southwest Regional Recreation*
20 *Authority warning motorists that off-road recreational vehicles may be operating on the highway;*21 *2. Such off-road recreational vehicles shall be operated only during daylight hours;*22 *3. Off-road recreational vehicle operators shall, when operating on the highway, obey all rules of*
23 *the road applicable to other motor vehicles;*24 *4. Riders of such off-road recreational vehicles shall wear helmets of a type approved by the*
25 *Superintendent of State Police; and*26 *5. Operators shall be licensed drivers or accompanied by a licensed driver who is either occupying*
27 *the same vehicle or occupying another vehicle within a prudent distance; however, no person shall*
28 *operate any off-road recreational vehicle as provided in this section if his driver's license, whether*
29 *issued in the Commonwealth or in another jurisdiction, has been suspended or revoked.*30 *B. The governing body of any county, city, or town that enacts any ordinance under subsection A*
31 *shall notify in writing the Virginia State Police and all law-enforcement agencies within the county, city,*
32 *or town of its action, together with a copy of such ordinance.*33 *C. Operation of any off-road recreational vehicle as provided in the foregoing provisions of this*
34 *section shall be subject to the issuance of a permit by the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority*
35 *pursuant to § 15.2-6020. Any such permit shall be valid for such period of time and subject to the*
36 *payment of such fee as the Authority shall provide.*

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