

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 848

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

MTR VEHICLE/DEALERS: Provides with respect to all terrain vehicle dealerships

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1252(1) and to enact R.S. 32:1254(E)(5)(c) and
3 1270.11(2)(k), relative to motor vehicle dealers; to provide for definitions; to provide
4 for licensing requirements for motor vehicle and recreational products dealers; to
5 provide for repair facilities for all-terrain vehicle dealers; to provide for unauthorized
6 acts; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:1252(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 32:1254(E)(5)(c) and 1270.11(2)(k) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1252. Definitions

11 The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this Chapter, shall
12 have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this Section, except where the
13 context clearly indicates a different meaning:

14 (1) "All-terrain vehicle" ~~shall mean~~ means any vehicle manufactured for off-
15 road use and issued a manufacturer's statement or certificate of origin, as required
16 by the commission, that cannot be issued a registration certificate and license to
17 operate on the public roads of this state because, at the time of manufacture, the
18 vehicle does not meet the safety requirements prescribed by R.S. 32:1301 through
19 1310. This includes vehicles that are issued a title by the Department of Public
20 Safety and Corrections, public safety services, such as golf carts and recreational and

1 sports vehicles, but it ~~shall~~ does not include off-road vehicles used for farm purposes,
2 farm equipment, electric-assisted bicycles, or heavy construction equipment.

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4 §1254. Application for license; requirements for licensure; contents; licenses;
5 franchise filings; exceptions

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7 E. Additional licensing and compliance requirements for motor vehicle and
8 recreational products dealers.

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10 (5)

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12 (c) A dealer of all-terrain vehicles, including golf carts, shall have adequate
13 facilities for the repair and servicing of all-terrain vehicles and the storage of new
14 parts and accessories for the repair and servicing in the building or structure where
15 the applicant's established business is conducted or not more than one thousand feet
16 from its established place of business.

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18 §1270.11. Unauthorized acts

19 It shall be a violation of this Part:

20 (2) For a motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle dealer, used motorcycle or all-
21 terrain vehicle dealer, or a motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle salesman:

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23 (k) For a dealer of all-terrain vehicles, including golf carts, to fail to maintain
24 repair facilities in the building or structure where the established business is
25 conducted or not more than one thousand feet from its established place of business.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires dealers of all-terrain vehicles to maintain repair facilities on-site or within 1000 feet of their place of business.

Present law defines "all-terrain vehicles".

Proposed law amends definition in present law to include golf carts but otherwise maintains provisions of present law.

Present law provides for additional licensing requirements for motor vehicle and recreational products dealers, and provides an applicant must also furnish satisfactory evidence that the applicant maintains adequate space in the building or structure wherein the applicant's established business is conducted for the display of new motor vehicles or recreational products, together with adequate facilities for the repair and servicing of motor vehicles or recreational products and the storage of new parts and accessories for the repair and servicing. Present law also specifies that notwithstanding the provisions of present law and subject to written approval by the franchisor, adequate facilities for the repair and servicing of motor vehicles may be physically located in a building directly across a dedicated municipal street, but not more than 1000 feet from the applicant's established place of business.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that dealers of all-terrain vehicles shall have repair facilities located in the building where the dealer's established business is conducted or within 1000 feet of that place of established business.

Present law provides for unauthorized acts by a motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle dealer that shall be violations of present law.

Proposed law adds that it shall be a violation of proposed law for a dealer of all-terrain vehicles, including golf carts, to fail to maintain repair facilities in the building or structure where the established business is conducted or not more than one thousand feet from its established place of business.

(Amends R.S. 32:1252(1); Adds R.S. 32:1254(E)(5)(c) and 1270.11(2)(k))