

Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill

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Make provision for the establishment of a compulsory registration scheme for off-road vehicles; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Amendment of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994

- (1) The Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 (c. 22) is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 21 insert—

“21A Registration of off-road vehicles

- (1) This section applies to motorcycles and motorquadbikes for which there is no duty to take out a vehicle licence under section 1 of this Act by reason of their being exclusively used and kept off public roads. Such vehicles are referred to as “off-road bikes” in this Act. 5
- (2) The Secretary of State shall establish, within 12 months of the passing of this Act, and maintain a register of off-road bikes and their keepers, to be administered by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency. 10
- (3) Off-road bikes must be registered in the following circumstances:
 - (a) on first sale by dealers or importers of off-road bikes, by the vendor;
 - (b) by any person who keeps or owns an off-road bike, if the off-road bike is previously unregistered. 15
- (4) It is the duty of the keeper and owner of an off-road bike to keep its registration and the details thereof up to date.
- (5) The Secretary of State shall ensure that the registration of an off-road bike matches the manufacturer’s exclusive identification markings present on the bike. 20
- (6) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that the manufacturer’s exclusive identification markings for any off-road bike have been deliberately

- erased or altered so as to prevent knowledge of the true identity of the off-road bike, the Secretary of State shall not register the off-road bike, or if it has already been registered, shall cancel its registration.
- (7) The registered keeper of an off-road bike is by virtue of this Act presumed to be its owner unless proven otherwise by a person asserting ownership. 5
- (8) The Secretary of State shall prescribe by regulations the permissible time scales for the registration of off-road bikes.
- (9) Sections 30 and 31 of this Act shall not apply to off-road bikes.
- (10) A person who contravenes subsection (3) or (4) shall be guilty of an offence. 10
- (11) A person convicted of an offence under this Act shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.”
- (3) In section 23(1) (registration marks) after the words “section 21(1)” insert “or section 21A”. 15
- (4) In section 62 (other definitions) after the definition of “motor dealer” insert—
 “‘motorquadbike’ means a four-wheeled motor scooter and includes a motorquadbike to which a trailer is attached.”
- 2 Amendment of the Police Reform Act 2002** 20
- (1) The Police Reform Act 2002 (c. 30) is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 59, after subsection (1) insert—
- “(1A) Where a constable in uniform has reasonable grounds for believing that an off-road bike within the meaning of section 21A of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994— 25
- (a) is unregistered, or
- (b) has had its manufacturer’s exclusive identification markings deliberately erased or altered so as to prevent knowledge of its true identity,
- he shall have the powers set out in subsection (3). 30
- (1B) Subsections 59(4) and (5) of this Act do not apply to seizure of an off-road bike pursuant to section 59(1A).”
- 3 Expenses**
- There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament—*
- (a) *any sums to be paid by the Secretary of State for or in connection with the carrying out of his functions under this Act; and* 35
- (b) *any increase attributable to this Act in the sums which are payable out of money so provided under any other Act.*
- 4 Extent**
- This Act extends to Northern Ireland. 40

5 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Act 2007.

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