

Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishment," subtitle "Trespass," to follow immediately after Section ~~578A~~ 578 thereof, and to read as follows:

~~578B~~ 578A.

(a) "Off-road vehicle" is defined in this Section as any motorized vehicle designed for or capable of cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swampland or other natural terrain and includes, but is not limited to, four-wheel-drive or low-pressure-tire vehicles, motorcycles and related two-wheel vehicles, amphibious machines, ground-effect or air-cushion vehicles and snowmobiles; such terms shall not include any boat, military, fire or law enforcement vehicle, farm-type tractors and other agricultural equipment used for agricultural purposes or earth moving or construction equipment while used for such purposes, lawn mowers, snowblowers, garden or lawn tractors or golf carts while being used for their designed purpose.

(b) It is unlawful for any person to operate or use an off-road vehicle on private property without permission of the owner or tenant of the property, or to use an off-road vehicle in the pursuit of wildlife. Any person convicted of such offense shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ and/or imprisonment for a period up to ~~three (3) years~~ TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00).

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new Section ~~5C~~ 5B be and it is hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume, 1971 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "In General," to follow immediately after Section ~~5B~~ 5A thereof, and to read as follows:

~~5C~~ 5B.

The Secretary of Natural Resources shall promulgate regulations regarding the operation of off-road vehicles as defined in Section ~~578B~~ 578A of Article 27 of this Code on property owned or under the control of the Department of Natural Resources, AND THE SECRETARY SHALL, ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1973, DESIGNATE AND PROPERLY IDENTIFY ADEQUATE AREAS FOR USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES ON THE PROPERTY HERETOFORE DEFINED. ~~violation~~ VIOLATION of such regulations ~~to~~ SHALL include a penalty of a fine of up to ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ and/or imprisonment for a period of up to ~~three (3) years~~ TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00). HOWEVER, OFF-ROAD VEHICLES SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED WHERE THEIR OPERATION WILL DAMAGE THE WILDLAND CHARACTER OF THE PROPERTY NOR WHERE THE NOISE FROM THEIR OPERATION WILL BE AUDIBLE TO PICNIC OR CAMPING AREAS OPEN TO PUBLIC USE.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 31, 1972.