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(b) The Secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations regarding EQUIPMENT STANDARDS AND the operation of off-road vehicles BY TYPE, as defined in §10-410(d) of this article, on property owned or controlled by the department. [[By January 1, [[1975]] 1976]], HE SHALL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE STUDIES AND, BY JANUARY 1, 1975 he [[shall]] [[MAY AS HE DEEMS APPROPRIATE]] SHALL designate and identify [[adequate]] areas for use by the general public for operation of [motorcycles and] MOTORCYCLES, snowmobiles AND OTHER OFF-ROAD VEHICLES on that property EXCLUSIVE OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OR STATE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREAS TO THE EXTENT SUCH USE IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE CHARACTER AND ESTABLISHED USES OF PROPERTY CONTROLLED BY THE DEPARTMENT. PRIOR TO MARCH 31, 1976, EVERY OFF-ROAD VEHICLE TO BE USED ON DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LANDS SHALL BE REGISTERED AND PROVIDED SUITABLE IDENTIFICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WHICH SHALL CHARGE AN ANNUAL UNIFORM FEE FOR ALL REGISTRANTS, REVENUES DERIVED FROM WHICH SHALL BE USED TO ACQUIRE AND MAINTAIN AREAS FOR OFF-ROAD VEHICLE USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC. ANY PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED OR DESIGNATED FOR OFF-ROAD VEHICLE USE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A PUBLIC HEARING HELD IN THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES WHEREIN THE PROPERTY IS SITUATED. However, no off-road vehicle may be permitted [[IN STATE PARKS, STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OR STATE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREAS; NOR MAY ANY OFF-ROAD VEHICLE BE PERMITTED ON ANY OTHER STATE-OWNED LAND]] where its operation will damage the wildland character of the property or where the noise from its operation will be audible at or interfere with the use of a picnic or camping area open to public use.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

Approved May 31, 1974.

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CHAPTER 842

(House Bill 1712)

AN ACT concerning

Environmental Research - Reimbursement of Electric  
Companies

FOR the purpose of requiring electric companies to