

## Crimes and Punishments - Operation of Off-Road Vehicles

FOR the purpose of requiring a person who operates or uses an off-road vehicle on certain private property to carry with him the written permission of the owner or tenant of the property; and making stylistic changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 578  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

## Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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(a) (1) "Off-road vehicle" means in this section, except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection:

(i) A vehicle as defined in section 11-176 of the Transportation Article; or

(ii) 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.

(2) "Off-road vehicle" does not include any boat, snowmobile, 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 those purposes, lawn mowers, snowblowers, garden or lawn tractors or golf carts while being used for their designed purpose.

[(b) No person may operate or use an off-road vehicle on private property, except when traveling on clearly designated private driveways, without written permission of the owner or tenant of the property, or to operate or use an off-road vehicle on property owned by the State or any other of its political subdivisions except as permitted by law. Any person convicted of this offense is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of no more than \$250.]

(B) (1) EXCEPT WHEN TRAVELING ON CLEARLY DESIGNATED PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS, A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE OR USE AN