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## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 196**

FINAL READING

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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-6,356,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize the operation of
- 3 all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles between the hours of
- 4 sunset and sunrise if used for snow removal as prescribed; to
- 5 harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- **Section 1.** Section 60-6,356, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 60-6,356 (1) An all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle shall
- 4 not be operated on any controlled-access highway with more than two
- 5 marked traffic lanes. The crossing of any controlled-access highway with
- 6 more than two marked traffic lanes shall not be permitted except as
- 7 provided in subsections (9) and (10) of this section. Subsections (2),
- 8 (3), and (5) through (8) of this section authorize and apply to operation
- 9 of an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle only on a highway
- 10 other than a controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic
- 11 lanes.
- 12 (2) An all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle may be operated
- 13 in accordance with the operating requirements of subsection (3) of this
- 14 section:
- 15 (a) Outside the corporate limits of a city, village, or
- 16 unincorporated village if incidental to the vehicle's use for
- 17 agricultural purposes;
- 18 (b) Within the corporate limits of a city or village if authorized
- 19 by the city or village by ordinance adopted in accordance with this
- 20 section; or
- 21 (c) Within an unincorporated village if authorized by the county
- 22 board of the county in which the unincorporated village is located by
- 23 resolution in accordance with this section.
- 24 (3)(a) (3) An all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle may be
- 25 operated as authorized in subsection (2) of this section when such
- 26 operation occurs:
- 27 <u>(i) Between only between</u> the hours of sunrise and sunset; or -
- 28 (ii) Between the hours of sunset and sunrise for purposes of snow
- 29 removal within the corporate limits of a city or village or within an
- 30 <u>unincorporated village.</u>
- 31 (b) Any person operating an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type

- 1 vehicle as authorized in subsection (2) of this section shall:
- 2 <u>(i) Have</u> have a valid Class O operator's license or a farm permit as
- 3 provided in section 60-4,126;
- 4 (ii) Have , shall have liability insurance coverage for the all-
- 5 terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle while operating such the all-
- 6 terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle on a highway;  $_{T}$  and
- 7 <u>(iii) Not shall not operate the all-terrain or utility-type</u> such
- 8 vehicle at a speed in excess of thirty miles per hour.
- 9 (c) The person operating  $\underline{an}$  the all-terrain vehicle or a utility-
- 10 type vehicle shall provide proof of such insurance coverage to any peace
- 11 officer requesting such proof within five days of such a request.
- 12 <u>(d)</u> When operating an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle
- 13 as authorized in subsection (2) of this section, the headlight and
- 14 taillight of the vehicle shall be on and the vehicle shall be equipped
- 15 with a bicycle safety flag which extends not less than five feet above
- 16 ground attached to the rear of such vehicle. The bicycle safety flag
- 17 shall be triangular in shape with an area of not less than thirty square
- inches and shall be day-glow in color.
- 19 (4) All-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles may be operated
- 20 without complying with subsection (3) of this section on highways in
- 21 parades which have been authorized by the State of Nebraska or any
- 22 department, board, commission, or political subdivision of the state.
- 23 (5) The crossing of a highway other than a controlled-access highway
- 24 with more than two marked traffic lanes shall be permitted by an all-
- 25 terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle without complying with
- 26 subsection (3) of this section only if:
- 27 (a) The crossing is made at an angle of approximately ninety degrees
- 28 to the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction
- 29 prevents a quick and safe crossing;
- 30 (b) The vehicle is brought to a complete stop before crossing the
- 31 shoulder or roadway of the highway;

- 1 (c) The operator yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic
- 2 that constitutes an immediate potential hazard;
- 3 (d) In crossing a divided highway, the crossing is made only at an
- 4 intersection of such highway with another highway; and
- 5 (e) Both the headlight and taillight of the vehicle are on when the
- 6 crossing is made.
- 7 (6) All-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles may be operated
- 8 outside the corporate limits of any municipality by electric utility
- 9 personnel within the course of their employment in accordance with the
- 10 operation requirements of subsection (3) of this section, except that the
- operation of the vehicle pursuant to this subsection need not be limited
- 12 to the hours between sunrise and sunset.
- 13 (7) A city or village may adopt an ordinance authorizing the
- 14 operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles within the
- 15 corporate limits of the city or village if the operation is in accordance
- 16 with subsection (3) of this section. The city or village may place other
- 17 restrictions on the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type
- 18 vehicles within its corporate limits.
- 19 (8) A county board may adopt a resolution authorizing the operation
- 20 of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles within any
- 21 unincorporated village within the county if the operation is in
- 22 accordance with subsection (3) of this section. The county may place
- 23 other restrictions on the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-
- 24 type vehicles within the unincorporated village.
- 25 (9) Except as provided in subsection (10) of this section, the
- 26 crossing of a controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic
- 27 lanes shall be permitted by a utility-type vehicle if the operation is in
- 28 accordance with the operation requirements of subsection (3) of this
- 29 section and if the following requirements are met:
- 30 (a) The crossing is made at an intersection that:
- 31 (i) Is controlled by a traffic control signal; or

- 1 (ii) For any intersection located outside the corporate limits of a
- 2 city or village, is controlled by stop signs;
- 3 (b) The crossing at such intersection is made in compliance with the
- 4 traffic control signal or stop signs; and
- 5 (c) The crossing at such intersection is specifically authorized as
- 6 follows:
- 7 (i) If such intersection is located within the corporate limits of a
- 8 city or village, by ordinance of such city or village;
- 9 (ii) If such intersection is located within an unincorporated
- 10 village, by resolution of the county board of the county in which such
- 11 unincorporated village is located; or
- 12 (iii) If such intersection is located outside the corporate limits
- 13 of a city or village and outside any unincorporated village, by
- 14 resolution of the county board of the county in which such intersection
- 15 is located.
- 16 (10) When the use of the all-terrain vehicle or utility-type vehicle
- 17 is for an agricultural purpose, the crossing of a controlled-access
- 18 highway with more than two marked traffic lanes shall be permitted if
- 19 such vehicle is operated in accordance with subsection (3) of this
- 20 section.
- 21 Sec. 2. Original section 60-6,356, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 22 Nebraska, is repealed.