



**House Public Safety and Homeland Security Reported
Substitute for HB506**

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5 A BILL

6 TO BE ENTITLED

7 AN ACT

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9 Relating to authorized emergency vehicles; to provide
10 for the designation of an off-road vehicle as an authorized
11 emergency vehicle; to provide requirements for such
12 designation; to provide requirements for the use of such
13 vehicle; and to provide for a limitation of liability for such
14 designation and use of such vehicles.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

16 Section 1. (a) For purposes of Title 32, Code of
17 Alabama 1975, the chief administrator of any state, county, or
18 municipal law enforcement agency, fire department, volunteer
19 fire department, fire district, or rescue squad may designate
20 any publicly owned off-road vehicle, as defined under Section
21 32-8-2, Code of Alabama 1975, as an authorized emergency
22 vehicle, if the authorized emergency vehicle is within the
23 jurisdiction of the designating agency and the vehicle meets
24 all of the following requirements:

25 (1) The vehicle is equipped with headlights and brake
26 lights.

27 (2) The vehicle is equipped with shoulder harness
28 seatbelts for each passenger.



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29 (3) The vehicle is marked with the state, county, or
30 municipal agency name.

33 (5) The back of the vehicle is marked with reflective,
34 highly visible chevrons designed to reflect headlights and
35 alert other drivers to its presence.

36 (b) An off-road vehicle that is designated as an
37 authorized emergency vehicle pursuant to this section may be
38 operated within the applicable jurisdiction on the streets and
39 highways of the state for official purposes only, including
40 emergency call responses and training operations. Such
41 vehicles may only be operated by authorized personnel of the
42 applicable state or local agency who have the requisite
43 training requirements as determined by the head of the agency.

44 (c) An off-road vehicle that is designated as an
45 authorized emergency vehicle shall be covered under the
46 applicable agency's insurance policy.

47 (d) An off-road vehicle that is designated as an
48 authorized emergency vehicle is exempt from all other
49 licensing, equipment, and other requirements provided by law
50 for the operation of vehicles upon the streets and highways of
51 this state.

52 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
53 2025.