



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

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

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



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

(4) The vehicle is equipped with emergency lighting as provided in Section 32-5A-115(c), Code of Alabama 1975.

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

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

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

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

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