



State of New Hampshire

GENERAL COURT

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 26, 2020

TO: Honorable Stephen Shurtleff, Speaker of the House
Honorable Donna Soucy, President of the Senate
Honorable Paul C. Smith, House Clerk
Honorable Tammy L. Wright, Senate Clerk
Honorable Chris Sununu, Governor
Michael York, State Librarian

FROM: Representative Laura Telerski, Chair

SUBJECT: Interim Report of the Commission to Study the On Road Usage of Non-Traditional Motor Vehicles
RSA 260:78 (HB 1182, Chapter 33:1, Laws of 2020)

Pursuant to RSA 260:78 (HB 1182, Chapter 33:1, Laws of 2020), enclosed please find the Interim Report of the Commission to Study the On Road Usage of Non-Traditional Motor Vehicles.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would like to thank those members of the commission who are instrumental in this study. I would also like to acknowledge all those who testified before the commission and assisted the commission in our study.

Enclosures

cc: Members of the Commission

INTERIM REPORT

Commission to Study the On Road Usage of Non-Traditional Motor Vehicles

RSA 260:78 (HB 1182, Chapter 33:1, Laws of 2020)

November 1, 2020

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Commission Charge:

The commission is charged with the following duties pursuant to RSA 260:78, IV:

The commission shall study the on road usage of non-traditional motor vehicles, such as all terrain vehicles and golf carts.

Process and Procedures:

The commission was able to meet one time in order to organize. The meeting took place on October 20th. Due to the State of Emergency in effect as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak, the commission was not able to meet again.

Commission Recommendations:

It is important to note that the commission did not have an opportunity to fully develop and vote on final recommendations due to the pandemic conditions. However, during the October 20th meeting, members discussed future meetings of the commission and what could be done over the course of the next year to fulfill the duties that the commission is charged with. The commission recommended the following next steps:

- 1) Meet regularly, at least once a month, over the course of the next year in order to collect more information from stakeholders about laws and rules pertaining to unconventional vehicles.
- 2) Obtain information about OHRVs from the Department of Fish and Game.
- 3) Collect information about Class VI roads from the Department of Transportation.
- 4) Obtain information from the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding the rules regarding non-traditional motor vehicles.
- 5) Review and examine bills from the 2020 session that were not acted upon that would have been within the scope of the commission.

Although the commission's work was abbreviated due to the Coronavirus outbreak, the commission will gather information and will generate proposals over the course of the next year for future policies and legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Representative Laura Telerski