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The Honorable Nancy Stiles, Chairman
and the Senate Transportation Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 103
Concord, NH 03301

Re: HB 467-FN, an act relative to the 14-month registration of off highway recreational vehicles.

Dear Chairman Stiles and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this testimony on behalf of the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks & Recreation, Bureau of Trails in support of the House Bill 467-FN.

This bill is a cooperative measure by the Bureau of Trails, NH Fish & Game Department and the NH Off Highway Vehicle Association; which is meant to address a minor language issue in the current 14-month OHRV registration statute (RSA 215-A:23).

NH's OHRV registration year is from July 1st to June 30th of the following year (State fiscal year); however, NH's riding season begins in May. Riders may register their OHRV for a pro-rated 14-month registration beginning in May, but the statute states that only the "initial" registration for a machine is eligible to buy this 14 month registration.

HB 467-FN would remove the word "initial" and allow riders to choose to purchase this 14-month registration any year, and not only the first time they register a particular machine.

We ask your support of HB 467-FN. We are happy to be available to answer questions that you may have regarding our testimony.

Sincerely,

Chris Gamache
Chief

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