

FOR the purpose of increasing the fine imposed on a person who is convicted of unlawfully operating or using an off-road vehicle under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 578
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 578 of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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(a) "Off-road vehicle" means in this section any motorized vehicle designed for or capable of cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swampland or other natural terrain and includes, but is not limited to, four-wheel drive or low-pressure-tire vehicles, motorcycles and related two-wheel vehicles, amphibious machines, ground-effect or air-cushion vehicles. The term does not include any boat, snowmobile, military, fire or law enforcement vehicle, farm-type tractors and other agricultural equipment used for agricultural purposes or earth moving, or construction equipment while used for those purposes, lawn mowers, snowblowers, garden or lawn tractors or golf carts while being used for their designed purpose.

(b) No person may operate or use an off-road vehicle on private property without permission of the owner or tenant of the property, or to operate or use an off-road vehicle on property owned by the State or any of its political subdivisions except as permitted by law. Any person convicted of this offense is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of no more than [\$100] \$250.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 4, 1976.
