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I am writing to hopefully give you enough information to move forward with this bill. I am working with a few states right now looking to do the same thing as your state and that is to make a SXS legal to drive on the road. Currently states such as Florida, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and North Carolina are all looking at legalizing these machines. At this time there are 32 states that have some form of legalized road use for these machines and right now the most popular registration is the Montana plates where you have 3 choices for your registration and that is street legal, offroad, or combination. Their registrations are put into the national database which every state uses thus giving the reciprocity for all states. Now lets get you some information, as of January of 2024 the Country as a whole had a total of 498 deaths. That seems like a high number to some people but when you take into consideration the number of offroad vehicles in the country that is very small. Examples to back this is the state of Wisconsin has over 475,000 registered Off road vehicles and they had a total of 31 deaths and 5 of those were from breaking thru the ice during the winter. Another example is Montana and their 360,000 registrations which had 6 deaths. Arizona is another popular state with registrations done thru the DMV and they had 11 deaths with over 250,000 vehicles.

Now that we destroyed the myth that these machines are dangerous lets dive into some safety requirements most states use. First of course are seat belts or most sport models all come with harnesses which will hold you in place of a roll over (which these machines are built to do) also when the seat belts are not used the machines go into a limp mode (limits the speeds to 15 mph). Now for the other safety modifications that most states require are as follows:

- a street legal kit which includes all of the following:
 - turn signals (directional lamps)
 - Horn
 - hazards (warning lamps)
 - eye protection either a windshield or you must wear goggles
 - some states have even gone as far as requiring an emergency brake

Now you will not find any state that will allow these machines on an interstate, as most usually limit them to roadways with a speed limit of 55mph and under. When it comes to the actual classification states have been using different ones, a few examples are Montana classifies them as a quadrycycle, Michigan calls them an enhanced vehicle aka kit car and Florida is looking at putting them in a mini-truck class and PA is looking at putting them in the autocycle class aka slingshots.

I want to also mention you will probably get someone from the national offroad

association which is actually an anti atv group that fights every state that looks at doing this, and also you will probably get someone that says they are with Honda claiming the wheels will explode if they drive these on the road and he might even use the Honda would rather lose sales than allow these on the road. But I have contacted Honda Corp and they have never said that as they think it would expand their sales.

Lets look at the size of these machines we will do a little comparison for you

Horse Power	78 HP	200HP
Length	151.4 in	132 in
Width	65.6 in	64 in
Weight	2084 lbs	1554
Brakes	disc/drum	dual disc

Now the 1st column are the numbers for a 2025 Mitsubishi Mirage and the 2nd is a 2025 Can Am X3 (common machine for street use).

i want to mention that people will pay \$75 for a registration which could bring in \$20 to \$30 million of free money also make a huge economic impact for gas stations and hotels and such. Last thing I want to mention is most people will already have insurance because these machines cost \$20,000 to \$50,000.

I am running out of characters so please pass this bill and if you would like more information please feel free to call me anytime

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