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Senate Bill 491 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Jack Brandenburg
Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the Secretary of State (SOS) to refuse to issue a registration or title for an off-road vehicle (ORV) that was manufactured exclusively for off-road use, including one that was modified for on-road use.

The Code specifies grounds under which the SOS must refuse to issue a registration or transfer of registration, and grounds under which the SOS must refuse to issue a certificate of title or a salvage certificate.

Under the bill, these grounds would include an application for a vehicle that was an ORV manufactured exclusively for off-road use as specified on the manufacturer's certificate of origin, or an ORV, using either the original vehicle identification number or one that the SOS assigned to the vehicle, that was originally manufactured exclusively for off-road use and modified for use on the public roadways. "Off-road vehicle" would include a golf cart and would not include a motorcycle.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The Secretary of State has issued a minimal number of registrations and/or titles for off-road vehicles that have been modified to meet the requirements of a motor vehicle under the provision of the Michigan Vehicle Code. However, the exact number of such off-road vehicles is indeterminate. The Department of State anticipates that the bill would have a negligible impact on the amount of revenue received by the Department for the registration or titling of such modified off-road vehicles.

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