

HB 103 -- USE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES IN MUNICIPALITIES

SPONSOR: Kelley (127)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Emerging Issues in Agriculture by a vote of 11 to 2.

This bill allows a municipality to adopt an ordinance or resolution that allows all-terrain vehicles or utility vehicles to operate on the streets and highways under its jurisdiction. An all-terrain vehicle or utility vehicle must not be operated on a state or federal highway, although if a municipal street crosses a highway at an intersection, the all-terrain vehicle or utility vehicle may cross it if the speed limit on the highway is 45 miles per hour or less. All-terrain vehicles and utility vehicles operated on city streets must have adequate brakes and must meet any other safety requirements imposed by the governing body of the municipality. Utility vehicles are not subject to the vehicle registration provisions under Chapter 301, RSMo.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will give municipalities the authority to allow farmers and others to legally drive their all-terrain vehicles on public roads. Many farmers use these vehicles to move feed and other necessary products from pasture to pasture, sometimes, using public roads.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Kelley.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.