



BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

April 13, 2021

The Honorable Scott Bedke
Speaker of the House
House of Representatives
Statehouse Mail

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to advise you that I have signed on April 13, 2021, and am transmitting to you the following legislative bill to wit:

HOUSE BILL 129

Federal regulations do not explicitly direct states about which vehicles should be allowed on highways. Federal regulations require that vehicles be manufactured to meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) when intended for highway use.

Vehicles such as ATVs, UTVs and off-highway motorbikes were not manufactured for highway use and, therefore, were not manufactured to meet FMVSS. For this reason, manufacturers of these off-highway vehicles specifically state on their manufacturer certificates of origin and manufacturer statements of origin, "Not For Highway Use. For Off-highway Use Only." Based on this fact, there is an implication that the federal regulations expect certain vehicles will not be used on highways.

Currently, there is no federal policy that jeopardizes Idaho's federal road funding with this law enacted. However, I will ask the Idaho Transportation Department and state and local public safety agencies to monitor any increase in accidents involving off-highway vehicles on our highways. I also will urge ATV and UTV operators to be safe in their use on our highways

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Little".

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho

cc: Secretary of State