

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

**HOUSE BILL 1422
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO PERMIT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN MINT HILL AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF KINGS MOUNTAIN TO OPERATE UNREGISTERED ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES ON HIGHWAYS WITH SPEED LIMITS OF THIRTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR OR LESS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 20-114.2. Law enforcement all-terrain vehicles permitted on highways with speed limits of 35 miles per hour or less.

Law enforcement officers enforcing the laws of the State may use all-terrain vehicles, as defined in G.S. 14-159.3(b) and owned or leased by the governmental agency, on public highways where the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. Law enforcement officers may operate all-terrain vehicles on nonfully controlled access highways with higher speeds for the purpose of traveling from a speed zone to an adjacent speed zone where the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less."

SECTION 2. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 20-114.3. Law enforcement and municipal employee all-terrain vehicles permitted on highways with speed limits of 35 miles per hour or less.

Law enforcement officers enforcing the laws of the State and municipal employees may use all-terrain vehicles, as defined in G.S. 14-159.3(b) and owned or leased by the governmental agency, on public highways where the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. Law enforcement officers and municipal employees may operate all-terrain vehicles on nonfully controlled access highways with higher speeds for the purpose of traveling from a speed zone to an adjacent speed zone where the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less."

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act applies to the Town of Mint Hill only. Section 2 of this act applies to the City of Kings Mountain only.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16th day of
July, 2004.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

Richard T. Morgan
Speaker of the House of Representatives