S. 1527

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

April 29, 2021

Mr. Lee introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. APPLICATION OF STATE LAW APPLICABLE TO THE USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON ROADS WITHIN A SYSTEM UNIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 1015 of title 54, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 101513. State law

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:
“(1) Off-highway vehicle.—The term ‘off-highway vehicle’ shall be defined by the State in which the applicable System unit is located, in accordance with the law of the State.

“(2) Road.—The term ‘road’ means the main-traveled surface of a roadway open to motor vehicles that is owned, controlled, or otherwise administered by the Service.

“(b) Applicable law.—The law of the State in which a System unit is located shall apply to the use of motor vehicles (including off-highway vehicles) on roads within a System unit.

“(c) Violations.—Violating a provision of State law applicable to a System unit under subsection (b) shall be prohibited in the applicable System unit.”.

(b) Clerical Amendment.—The analysis for subchapter II of chapter 1015 of title 54, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“101513. State law.”.