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OHV Usage Stamp Changes

Governor Pat Quinn on Aug. 1, 2014 signed Senate Bill 2633, sponsored by State Sen. David Koehler and State Rep. Frank Mautino, establishing additional exemptions and a fee change for the Off-Highway Vehicle Usage Stamp in Illinois.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) supported the changes to the original OHV Usage Stamp law, including reducing the OHV stamp fee for youth off-highway vehicles (75cc and under) to \$10.00 annually and adding several exemptions. Additional exemptions to the OHV stamp will include standard golf carts, OHVs operated on land owned by the operator or the operator's immediate family, OHVs operated by persons with certain disabilities, OHVs operated for any commercial business purpose, OHVs operated at a commercial riding park, and OHVs registered with the Illinois Secretary of State.

The IDNR has postponed implementation of the OHV Usage Stamp to allow OHV users, and others interested in motorized outdoor recreation, to provide input on planning for development by the IDNR of public OHV riding facilities in Illinois.

The OHV Usage Stamp was approved as part of the IDNR Sustainable Funding initiative in 2012. When implemented, funds generated through the OHV Usage Stamp will be used to develop public-access trails for OHV use in Illinois, and to utilize more than \$1 million in federal funds currently available for motorized trail development and maintenance through available matching state funding. When implemented, the annual OHV Usage Stamp will be \$15.00 for OHVs with engine capacity of over 75cc (\$10.00 for 75cc and under), plus a \$0.50 issuance fee to the point-of-sale vendor.