

OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Tracy, CA

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STAFF REPORT: State Legislation

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SUBJECT: California Legislation

Summary

This report provides summary excerpts and the status of legislation affecting the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program. Information contained in this report is accurate as of October 1, 2024.

Senate Bill 632 (Caballero) Red Rock Canyon State Park Combined Use Road Access.

Summary: This bill authorizes the Department to administer a pilot program at Red Rock Canyon State Park, to evaluate the use of Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs) on specified combined use highways, until 2030. Additionally, the bill requires the Department, in consultation with Caltrans and CHP, to submit a report to the Legislature on the effectiveness of the pilot project on or before January 1, 2029.

Status: Signed by the Governor September 25 (Chapter 592, Statutes of 2024)

SB 708 (Jones) Vehicles: off-highway motorcycles: sanctioned event permit.

Summary: This bill establishes a "sanctioned event permit", which authorizes California residents to operate their off-road motorcycles in competitions or races on public lands, as specified. The bill stipulates that eligibility for the permit will be limited to off-road motorcycles, model year 2022 or newer, that are not eligible for the Green or Red Sticker registration issued by DMV. The bill requires the Department to administer the annual permit program and to establish a permit fee to recover operational and administrative costs. The bill also requires the permit to be available for online purchase by January 1, 2026.

Status: Signed by the Governor September 22 (Chapter 446, Statutes of 2024)

Commission Action

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