

HB 3527 LEDS News Release Article

Racing Activity Vehicle – Effective January 1, 2008

HB 3527 defines a racing activity vehicle as a new vehicle type and adds it to the Oregon Vehicle Code. The bill exempts racing activity vehicles from certain vehicle equipment requirements. Racing activity vehicles will be identified by a PIN (product identification number) instead of a VIN (vehicle identification number).

This bill also requires racing activity vehicles to be permanently registered, limits usage to highways where racing activity vehicles may be used to those with a speed no greater than 55 mph, sets the permanent registration fee at \$81 and creates offenses for violation of registration and unlawful operation of a racing activity vehicle on the highway.

A special interest plate will be issued by DMV upon vehicle registration. A non-registered racing activity vehicle can be operated for purposes of a test drive within a 30-mile radius of the location where the vehicle is manufactured.

Operation of a racing activity vehicle registered as a special interest vehicle is limited to:

- Exhibitions, parades or club activities;
- Driving the vehicle from the person's home to a race track that is within a 90-mile radius of the person's home; or
- Test driving the vehicle for maintenance or repair purposes within a 30-mile radius of where the vehicle is maintained or repaired.

Two new convictions will be created for a person who commits the offense of either:

- Unlawfully operating a racing activity vehicle on a highway that has a speed limit or posted speed that is greater than 55 miles per hour; or
- Violation of registration limits on a racing activity vehicle.

Both new convictions are Class B violations, Chapter 693 (2007 Laws).

For additional information, please call (503) 945-5000 or (503) 299-9999 (Portland Metro Area), or visit the DMV website at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/vehicle/plateregular.shtml#special>

