



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

August 1, 2023

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 256

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on August 1, 2023, I have vetoed Senate Bill 256, establishing a safety program for off-highway recreational vehicles.

Senate Bill 256 may have been passed with the best intentions, but it would negatively affect tourism in New Hampshire and may steer would-be visitors to other states that do not have such burdensome requirements to ride OHRVs. This bill does little to increase safety and would make New Hampshire one of the most restrictive states in New England for OHRV riders.

I am open to working with the OHRV Association, legislators, and other stakeholders on a more targeted bill to address their concerns in the upcoming session.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 256.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor