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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 1909 (Senator Ritchie) / Assembly Bill 4412 (Assemblyman Magee)

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE DEFINITION OF ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE OR "ATV"

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy trade association, requests your support for this legislation. If enacted, this bill would raise the defined weight of an "ATV" from 1000 pounds to 1500 pounds of dry weight.

ATV's have long been utilized in agricultural service for quick transportation between fields or from the farm office to outlying machinery to deliver parts. The newer generations of ATV's has been redesigned to meet the needs and demands of consumers, including utility vehicles used by the agricultural industry.

This has led to the production of larger, heavier and more useful ATV vehicles, such as the John Deere XUV and Gator or the Kawasaki Mule. Due to the increase in the weight of these vehicles, the current one thousand pounds dry weight limit on "all-terrain vehicles" and "ATVs" in statute limits does not allow for their registration in New York State, forcing prospective owners to register heavier ATV's in other states. This legislation would increase the dry weight limit to 1500 pounds to allow for registration of these vehicles.

While ATV's used in agricultural service are exempted from registration requirements, the proposed legislation would provide an incentive for manufacturers and distributors to sell newer products in the state, and allow for easier access to and registration of heavier ATV's in New York, which would benefit all users, including the agricultural industry. In addition, allowing for the registration of these vehicles in New York State would provide much needed revenue for state coffers.

For these reasons, New York Farm Bureau respectfully requests your support of this legislation.