

## **All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)/Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROHVs) on county or township roadways for farming purposes.**

ATV/ROHV usage on county and township roadways was restored with HB 6094, which became Public Act 96-1434 when enacted on August 11, 2010.

In part, the statute states:

“It shall not be unlawful for any person to drive or operate a non-highway vehicle, as defined in paragraphs (1) and (5) of subsection (a) of this Section, on a county roadway or township roadway for the purpose of conducting farming operations to and from the home, farm, farm buildings, and any adjacent or nearby farm land.”

The new law also requires an ATV/ROHV operator to have liability insurance when operating on a public road. The liability insurance, under the law, may be part of the operator's home, farm or other RV policy, and does not mandate a separate policy for the ATV/ROHV.

The bill does not change the requirement that a person who operates an ATV/ROHV on a public road must have a valid drivers license. The drivers license provisions were changed so that the person must have a valid license from Illinois or another state, not just an Illinois license (625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1 (b-5)). Current law does not require a farm tractor operator to hold a valid driver's license when operating between the home farm building and any adjacent or nearby farm land for the exclusive purpose of conducting farm operations (625 ILCS 5/6-102).

The full text of the new law can be found online at <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=096-1434>