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Senate Bill 708- Sanctioned Event Permit; OHV Motorcycles
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The purpose of this Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHV) Information bulletin is to provide information about Senate Bill 708.

Background:

The State of California has enacted Senate Bill 708, signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on September 22, 2024. Introduced by Senator Brian W. Jones, this bipartisan legislation addresses critical needs for the off-highway vehicle (OHV) community.

This law will require the Department of Parks and Recreation to issue permits for competition motorcycles that do not qualify for "Green Sticker" or "Red Sticker" identification. These permits apply only to motorcycles from model year 2022 and newer, operated during sanctioned events approved by relevant agencies.

Key elements of SB 708:

Special Permit Program: Establishes a system for issuing decals for competition motorcycles used at sanctioned events on public lands.

Support for Competitions: Ensures consistent regulations for OHV competitions across the state, reducing confusion among land managers and event organizers.

Effective Date: The new permit system will take effect on January 1, 2026.

The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division is currently working on developing internal processes and gathering Stakeholder input about the new requirements.

For further clarification contact Superintendent Jack Gorman, Assistant Chief, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division HQ at (661) 449-7858.