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Given the ATV and dirtbike riders are adults-Proposed enhanced legislation: Riders will be treated like regular motorists, and they must respond to all Police Officers just like motorists. However, given such equipment is illegal to be operated in neighborhoods, highways, roads, street, public or private property in Charles County, riders will be charged with as much as six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine and a 1-year suspension of their driver's permit/ license after they're caught riding on any street for a third time. The penalty for a first-time offense will be a fine of \$250 and 30 days in jail and 30 days of community service. The penalty for a second time offense will command a \$500 fine and 90 days in jail of valid plus a six-month suspension of their driver's permit/license. Safety is first and they should not be riding in packs, intimidating pedestrians, and intimidating other drivers. Enhancing the penalties in this way really suggests to the folks who are riding these pieces of equipment that if you do so in Charles County, the consequences are going to be severe. Repeat offenders will be fined \$50 per each violation If not the case already, the bill should require all dirt bike, all-terrain and ATV owners to register their bikes with the Department of Motor Vehicles. A few links to news articles regarding this dangerous, ongoing activity:

<https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/police-pursuit-of-atvs-dirt-bikes-raises-community-concerns/134607/> <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/police-in-maryland-using-new-tool-to-target-illegal-atv-dirt-bike-riders-during-holiday-weekend>
<https://smnewsnet.com/archives/423491/pgpd-msp-target-illegal-atvdirt-bike-riding-labor-day-enforcement-operation/>