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To amend title 54, United States Code, to provide that State law shall apply to the use of motor vehicles on roads within a System unit.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 3, 2025

Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. CURTIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. APPLICATION OF STATE LAW APPLICABLE TO**
4 **THE USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON ROADS**
5 **WITHIN A SYSTEM UNIT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 1015 of
7 title 54, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
8 end the following:

1 **“§ 101513. State law**

2 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 “(1) OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE.—The term ‘off-
4 highway vehicle’ shall be defined by the State in
5 which the applicable System unit is located, in ac-
6 cordance with the law of the State.

7 “(2) ROAD.—The term ‘road’ means the main-
8 traveled surface of a roadway open to motor vehicles
9 that is owned, controlled, or otherwise administered
10 by the Service.

11 “(b) APPLICABLE LAW.—The law of the State in
12 which a System unit is located shall apply to the use of
13 motor vehicles (including off-highway vehicles) on roads
14 within a System unit.

15 “(c) VIOLATIONS.—Violating a provision of State law
16 applicable to a System unit under subsection (b) shall be
17 prohibited in the applicable System unit.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for sub-
19 chapter II of chapter 1015 of title 54, United States Code,
20 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“101513. State law.”.

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