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Sponsors

**Senator Crowder
Representative Vigil**

Short Title

***Municipal State Highway
Off-highway Vehicles***

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill. The bill took effect on March 16, 2016, when it was signed by the Governor.

Summary

This bill authorizes a person to use an off-highway vehicle (OHV) to cross a state highway within a municipality if the town obtains approval from the Colorado Department of Transportation (C-DOT) or the department fails to act within 60 days of receiving such a request.

Background

Under current law, OHV operators may cross a state highway at an at-grade crossing, except within a municipality. An OHV is defined in state statute as "any self-propelled vehicle which is designed to travel on wheels or tracks in contact with the ground, which is designed primarily for use off of the public highways, and which is generally and commonly used to transport persons for recreational purposes."

Senate Action

Senate Local Government Committee (February 2, 2016). At the hearing, a representative of the Colorado Municipal League discussed current law pertaining to OHV travel. The Town Manager for South Fork spoke in favor of the bill and discussed the economic benefits ATV users provide to the town. The committee adopted Amendment L.002, which requires municipalities to

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seek approval for ATV crossings from C-DOT and referred the bill, as amended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Senate second reading (February 5, 2016). The Senate adopted the Senate Local Government Committee report and passed the bill on second reading, as amended.

Senate third reading (February 8, 2016). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

House Action

House Transportation and Energy Committee (February 25, 2016). At the hearing, representatives of the Colorado Municipal League and the towns of South Fork and Creede spoke in favor of the bill. The committee referred the bill with no amendments to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (February 29, 2016). The House passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

House third reading (March 1, 2016). This House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.