

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 282

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHANCE HENRY

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Creates a Task Force on Utility Terrain Vehicles in collaboration with Louisiana State Police and other appropriate stakeholders

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create the Task Force on Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs) to study the feasibility of  
3 implementing safety regulations regarding UTVs.

4 WHEREAS, some UTVs are capable of going upwards of sixty miles per hour; and

5 WHEREAS, UTVs can be made street legal and travel on public roads alongside  
6 motor vehicles; and

7 WHEREAS, the UTV market rose above ten billion dollars in 2025; and

8 WHEREAS, the Consumer Federation of America reported seventy-eight UTV  
9 fatalities in 2024.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish and provide for the Task Force on Utility  
12 Terrain Vehicles to study laws and regulations for the safe operation of utility terrain  
13 vehicles and to provide recommendations or proposals for legislation.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any recommendations or proposals shall be  
15 submitted by written report to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and  
16 Public Works and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S.  
17 24:772 before the convening of the 2027 Regular Session.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following  
19 members:

20 (1) The superintendent of Louisiana State Police or his designee.

21 (2) The executive director of Louisiana Sheriffs' Association or his designee.

1           (3) The executive director of Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police or his  
2 designee.

3           (4) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or his  
4 designee.

5           (5) The executive director of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission or his  
6 designee.

7           (6) The commissioner of the office of motor vehicles or his designee.

8           (7) The commissioner of the Department of Insurance or his designee.

9           (8) The state fire marshal or his designee.

10          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the first meeting, the members shall elect a  
11 chairman and other officers as the task force may deem appropriate.

12          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall convene its first meeting no  
13 later than August 1, 2026, and once every two months thereafter.

14          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force constitutes a quorum  
15 for the transaction of business and all official actions of the task force require the affirmative  
16 vote of a majority of the members.

17          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve  
18 without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be  
19 individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

20          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that meetings of the task force are subject to the  
21 Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:11 et seq., and records of the task force are subject to the  
22 Public Records Law, R.S. 44:1 et seq.

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DIGEST

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HR 282 Engrossed

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Creates the Task Force on Utility Terrain Vehicles to study the feasibility of implementing safety regulations and provides relative to the task force's membership and meeting dates.

Requires the task force to report any recommendations and proposals for legislation in writing to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works before the convening of the 2027 R.S.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Add the state fire marshal or his designee as a member of the task force.