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Senate Bill 934 (as introduced 10-21-09)
Sponsor: Senator Ron Jelinek
Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 811 (Off-Road Recreation Vehicles) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to define "farm vehicle" as an implement of husbandry as defined in the Michigan Vehicle Code or a vehicle used in connection with a farm operation as defined in the Michigan Right to Farm Act.

Part 811 regulates the use of off-road recreation vehicles (ORVs), and defines "ORV" as a motor driven ORV capable of cross-country travel without benefit of a road or trail, on or immediately over land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain. The term does not include a farm vehicle being used for farming.

(Under the Michigan Vehicle Code, "implement of husbandry" means a vehicle that is either a farm tractor, a vehicle designed to be drawn by a farm tractor or an animal, a vehicle that directly harvests farm products, or a vehicle that directly applies fertilizer, spray, or seeds to a farm field. Under the Right to Farm Act, "farm operation" means the operation and management of a farm or a condition or activity that occurs at any time as necessary on a farm in connection with the commercial production, harvesting, and storage of farm products.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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