

# MedChi

*The Maryland State Medical Society*

1211 Cathedral Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201-5516  
410.539.0872  
Fax: 410.547.0915

1.800.492.1056

[www.medchi.org](http://www.medchi.org)

TO: The Honorable Brian E. Frosh, Chairman  
Members, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
The Honorable Joanne Benson

FROM: Joseph A. Schwartz, III  
Pamela Metz Kasemeyer  
J. Steven Wise  
Danna L. Kauffman

DATE: January 23, 2014

RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 80 – *All-Terrain Vehicles – Protective Equipment*

---

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents more than 8,000 Maryland physicians and their patients, supports Senate Bill 80.

Senate Bill 80 extends the current requirement for helmet and protective eyewear usage that is applicable to the operators of motorcycles. Accident data relative to recreational ATV use is similar to that of motorcycles with regard to the incidence of significant head injury. When the motorcycle helmet law was enacted, there was an immediate and demonstrable decrease in the death and disability associated with motorcycle accidents. Operators of ATVs should be required to engage in the same level of responsible behavior. MedChi expects that an analogous decrease in death and disability associated with ATV use will occur if this legislation is enacted. MedChi urges a favorable report.

**For more information call:**

Joseph A. Schwartz, III  
Pamela Metz Kasemeyer  
J. Steven Wise  
Danna L. Kauffman

410-244-7000