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An Act To Increase Snowmobile Registration Fees

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, DAVIS of Sangerville, SARTY of Denmark, SHAW of Standish, WHEELER of Kittery.

1   **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2   **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

3   **1-A. Operating on trail system.** Except as provided in subsection 4, paragraph A,
4   subparagraph (2), a person may not operate a snowmobile on a snowmobile trail that is
5   funded in whole or in part by the Snowmobile Trail Fund. A person who violates this
6   subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of $200 may be adjudged. One
7   hundred dollars from each fine assessed must be transferred to the Snowmobile Trail
8   Fund of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

9   **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 556, §3, is further
10   amended to read:

11   **4. Fee.** Except as provided in subsection 5, the annual snowmobile registration fee is
12   as follows:

13   A.   For residents, ~~$35. The registration for a snowmobile owned by a resident is~~
14   ~~valid for one year, commencing on July 1st of each year.~~:

15   (1) Who do not use a snowmobile trail that is funded in whole or in part by the
16   Snowmobile Trail Fund, $35; and

17   (2) Who use a snowmobile trail that is funded in whole or in part by the
18   Snowmobile Trail Fund, $50.

19   The registration for a snowmobile owned by a resident is valid for one year,
20   commencing on July 1st of each year.

21   B.   For nonresidents:

22   (1) Forty-three dollars for a 3-consecutive-day registration. A person may
23   purchase more than one 3-day registration in any season; and

24   ~~(2) Fifty-eight dollars for a 10-consecutive-day registration. A person may~~
25   ~~purchase more than one 10-day registration in any season; and~~

26   (3) Eighty-eight dollars for a seasonal registration.

27   The registration for a snowmobile owned by a nonresident must specify the dates for
28   which the registration is valid.

29   Five dollars from each registration fee collected pursuant to ~~this subsection~~ paragraph A,
30   subparagraph (1) and paragraph B must be transferred to a special fund administered by
31   the Off-Road Vehicle Division of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department
32   of Conservation. The funds must be used to assist any entity that has a snowmobile trail-
33   grooming contract with the bureau in the purchase of trail-grooming equipment.

34   Two dollars from each resident snowmobile registration fee must be transferred to the
35   Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

36   Ten dollars from each registration fee collected pursuant to paragraph A, subparagraph
37   (2) must be transferred to the Snowmobile Trial Fund of the Department of Conservation,

1   Bureau of Parks and Lands and $1 must be transferred to the Support Landowners
2   Program in section 10108, subsection 4, paragraph A.

3   **SUMMARY**

4   This bill establishes a snowmobile nontrail registration for anglers, trappers and other
5   snowmobilers who do not use a snowmobile trail that is funded in whole or in part by the
6   Snowmobile Trail Fund. The bill also increases the snowmobile registration fee for a
7   resident from $35 to $50. The bill deletes the 10-day nonresident registration option. The
8   bill also makes it a civil violation for a person to operate a snowmobile on a snowmobile
9   trail that is funded in whole or in part by the Snowmobile Trail Fund if the person does
10   not have a groomed trail system snowmobile registration and sets a fine of $200 for that
11   violation.