

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 544 House of Representatives, February 12, 1973
Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McKernan of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Permit Municipal Regulation of Snowmobiles within Built-up
Areas by Ordinance.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 1972, amended. The 4th paragraph of section 1972 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 414 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

A registration shall be valid for one year commencing July 1st of each year. No municipality or political subdivision of this State may adopt any ordinance law or regulation dealing with the operation or registration of snowmobiles or any other subject matter of this chapter.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 1982-A, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1982-A to read as follows:

§ 1982-A. Municipal regulation

Municipalities may adopt ordinances regulating the operation of snowmobiles within built-up areas. Providing such ordinances do not controvert this chapter, they may regulate the following aspects of snowmobile operation: Hours of day in which snowmobiles may operate; speed of snowmobiles; distance from buildings that snowmobiles may operate or routes that snowmobiles may use.

The term "built-up area" shall mean any territory or any municipality within 500 feet of any way on which structures are situated less than 150 feet apart for a distance of one-quarter mile.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to give to the cities and towns the opportunity to regulate snowmobile activities within built-up areas.