

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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AN ACT Requiring the Registration of Off-highway Vehicles.

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

R. S., T. 29, § 119, additional. Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 119 to read as follows:

§ 119. Off-highway vehicles; registration; fee; taxation

1. Definition. "Off-highway vehicles" are defined as every vehicle designed for recreational usage or adapted primarily for cross country operation over unimproved terrain, and of a type which has been determined by the Secretary of State under section 55 to be unsuitable for general highway use, except such vehicles as are specifically exempted from the registration requirements for operation on a public way by this Title and those vehicles for which a permit may be issued under section 242-E.

2. Registration. All off-highway vehicles shall be registered, except those operated exclusively on the property of the vehicle owner, upon suitable application and payment of a fee of \$5. The Secretary of State may register such off-highway vehicles for the normal vehicle registration period for non-highway usage, except as otherwise permitted by the rules and regulations of the Secretary of State.

3. Tax. In lieu of ad valorem taxation, the annual tax on each off-highway vehicle registered under this section shall be \$6 and shall be paid to the tax collector of the municipality where registered.

4. Rules and regulations. The Secretary of State shall make such rules and regulations as he deems necessary governing the operation of and equipment requirements on all vehicles registered as off-highway vehicles.

5. Vehicles registered under this section are exempt from the inspection requirement of section 2122.