

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 507

H. P. 411

House of Representatives, February 16, 1977

On motion of Mr. Dow of West Gardiner, referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and 2,500 copies ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wilfong of Stow.

Cosponsors: Mr. Bennett of Caribou, Mr. Pearson of Old Town, Mr. Dow of West Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide for Snowmobile Registration in Municipalities.

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

12 MRSA § 1972-A is enacted to read:

§ 1972-A. Registration by municipality

1. Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; designation of agents. With the approval of the municipal officers of a municipality, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may appoint municipal tax collectors, or such other persons as a municipality may designate to collect resident registration fees for snowmobiles. The appointment of any such agent shall continue while the agent shall hold such office or employment, unless the body which approved the appointment requests that it be revoked. Appointments may be revoked for cause by the commissioner.

A. The commissioner shall provide the persons appointed to collect registration fees with the following:

- (1) Blank registration forms of envelope size with a minimum of 3 copies to each form;
- (2) Accounting sheets;
- (3) Stickers in numbered sequence; and
- (4) Return envelopes.

2. **Fees.** Annual resident registration fees shall be \$11.25 and shall be credited as follows: \$2.75 of each fee shall be credited to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; 50¢ of each fee shall be credited to the Bureau of Parks and Recreation; \$7 of each fee shall be annually distributed to the municipality of the owner's residence as shown on his registration certificate, except that in unorganized townships, \$7 of each fee shall be annually distributed to the county of the owner's residence as shown on his registration certificate for the purposes described in section 1972, and \$1 of each fee shall be retained by the municipality in which the registration or reregistration occurs to defray administrative costs.

3. **Fees remitted.** The municipal agents appointed by the commissioner in subsection 1 shall remit \$3.25 of each registration fee to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the commissioner shall forward 50¢ of each registration fee to the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation.

4. **Disposition of fees.** All moneys credited to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Bureau of Parks and Recreation, municipalities and counties shall be used for the purposes defined in section 1972, except that \$1 of each registration fee for snowmobiles registered by a municipality shall be used to defray the administrative costs incurred by the municipality by this section.

5. **Snowmobile registration.** All snowmobile registrations shall be valid for one year commencing July 1st of each year. Whoever transfers the ownership or permanently discontinues use of a snowmobile in the same registration year shall be entitled to a certificate of registration upon payment of a transfer fee of \$2 and shall not be required to pay the regular registration fee of \$11.25. One dollar of each transfer fee shall be retained by the municipality in which the snowmobile is registered.

6. **Rules and regulations.** The commissioner may make such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the duties of this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this legislation is to enable local residents to register and reregister snowmobiles in the municipalities in which they live. This legislation will make snowmobile registration more convenient for Maine citizens. In addition, this bill will return some measure of local control to Maine's municipalities.