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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 188, L.D. 455, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to the Operation of Snowmobiles on Private Ways."

Amend the Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1977, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 525, §2, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

No person shall operate any 4-wheel drive vehicle, dune buggy, motorcycle or other motorized vehicle, other than a snowmobile and appurtenant equipment, over the snow on roads and trails maintained for snowmobile use and financed in whole or in part with funds from the Snowmobile Trail Fund, unless such use has been authorized by the landowner or his agent, or unless the use is necessitated by an emergency involving safety of persons or property.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §1977, sub-§2, ¶B, last ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 525, §2, is amended to read:

Snowmobiles may operate on any portion of public ways when the ~~main-traveled-portion-is-unplowed-and-unused-by-conventional motor-vehicles~~ public way has been closed in accordance with Title 23, section 2953. If the main traveled portion of a public way is publicly plowed and utilized by conventional motor vehicles, snowmobiles may operate only on that portion of the way not maintained

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or utilized for the operation of conventional motor vehicles, except that operation on the left side of the way shall be prohibited during the hours from sunset to sunrise on the portion of the way not maintained or utilized for the operation of conventional motor vehicles.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment will make it clear that snowmobiles may operate on public roads that have been closed for the winter.

The amendment also prohibits use of motorized vehicles, other than snowmobiles, on roads and trails maintained for snowmobile use and financed with funds from the State Snowmobile Trail Fund, unless authorized by the landowner.

Reported by the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

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