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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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S.P. 488

In Senate, March 28, 1991

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec

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STATE OF MAINE

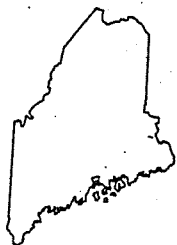
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Protect Riders of Snowmobiles.**

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

4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7823-A is enacted to read:

6 §7823-A. Safety information sheet

8 On or before December 1, 1991, the commissioner shall  
10 develop a safety information sheet for distribution to all  
12 registrants, dealers and renters of snowmobiles. The sheet must  
14 provide information concerning the safe operation of snowmobiles,  
16 including, but not limited to, speed control, maintenance of  
18 balance, identification of major hazards and actions to be taken  
20 in case of emergency.

22 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

24 11. Safety information sheet. The commissioner shall  
26 distribute to each registrant at the time of each annual  
28 registration a copy of the safety information sheet developed  
30 pursuant to section 7823-A.

32 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7825, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420,  
34 §1, is amended to read:

36 1. Application and issuance. Any person who is in the  
38 business of selling or renting snowmobiles in the State shall  
40 register as a dealer and secure a dealer's license from the  
42 commissioner. Dealers so registered and licensed need not  
44 register individual snowmobiles, unless the snowmobiles are to be  
46 used for rental purposes.

48 Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7825, sub-§§6 and 7 are enacted to read:

50 6. Safety information sheet. Each dealer or renter shall  
52 obtain from the commissioner and distribute at the time of sale  
54 or renting of a snowmobile the safety information sheet developed  
56 pursuant to section 7823-A.

58 7. Helmets for rented snowmobiles required. Any dealer  
60 renting a snowmobile shall provide helmets to each person  
62 intending to use the snowmobile.

64 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

66 This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and  
68 Wildlife to develop a safety information sheet concerning the  
70 operation of snowmobiles for distribution to all registrants,  
72 dealers and renters of snowmobiles. The bill also requires  
74 persons renting snowmobiles to register as dealers and to provide  
76 helmets to persons renting snowmobiles from them.