

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 996, L.D. 1445, Bill, "An Act Concerning Snowmobile Registration Fees"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1987, c. 88, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Fee. The annual snowmobile registration fee is \$16 ~~\$20~~.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A in subparagraph (2) in the first line (page 2, line 1 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~\$11.25~~" and inserting in its place the following: '\$9.25'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 1989, c. 918, Pt. D, §9, is further amended to read:

B. The registration fee for nonresidents is credited as follows:

(1) \$10.75 of each fee is credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue; and

(2) ~~\$5.25~~ \$9.25 of each fee is credited to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Recreation.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 4.

2 Further amend the bill in section 6 in paragraph A in the  
last line (page 3, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the  
following: "\$22.00" and inserting in its place the following:  
4 '\$20'

6 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 7 and  
inserting in its place the following:

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10 'Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420,  
§1, is amended to read:

12 9. Reciprocity. Reciprocity shall--be is allowed to  
nonresidents--from residents of all states, provinces, countries  
14 or districts which--allow that offer similar privileges to  
residents of this State, providing--they are--severed--by provided  
16 those residents possess a valid registration from that state,  
province, country or district. For purposes of this subsection,  
18 a state, province, country or district does not offer similar  
privileges if a fee is imposed on residents of this State holding  
20 a valid registration from this State for access to the trail  
system in that state, province, country or district or if, as  
22 determined by the commissioner, privileges and opportunities  
offered to snowmobile users in that state, province, country or  
24 district are not otherwise comparable to those offered in this  
State.

26 A. If the snowmobile is owned by a nonresident, but is  
28 primarily operated by a Maine resident, it must be  
registered under this section.

30 B. Nothing in this subsection shall--be--construed--to  
32 authorize authorizes the operation of any snowmobile  
described in any manner contrary to this subchapter.'

34 Further amend the bill by inserting before the emergency  
36 clause the following:

38 'Sec. 9. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from  
Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1991-92	1992-93
42 CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
44 Snowmobile Trail Fund		
46 All Other	\$290,000	\$290,000
48 Provides funds for additional		
50 grants to snowmobile clubs		
52 and municipalities for trails		
and equipment repairs.'		

2 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read  
consecutively.

4 Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of  
6 fact the following:

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10 **FISCAL NOTE**

	1991-92	1992-93
12 <b>APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS</b>		
14 Other Funds	\$290,000	\$290,000
16 <b>REVENUES</b>		
18 Other Funds	\$290,000	\$290,000

20 This bill establishes one snowmobile registration fee for  
22 residents and nonresidents of \$20 and increases the snowmobile  
dealer number plate fee by \$11. This fee system will increase  
24 dedicated revenue to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department  
of Conservation by \$290,000 annually beginning in fiscal year  
26 1991-92. Those additional dedicated revenues are allocated to  
the Department of Conservation for additional grants to  
28 snowmobile clubs and municipalities for trails.

30 Costs associated with handling a potential increase in  
snowmobile registrations from the reciprocity provision will be  
32 absorbed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
utilizing existing resources.'

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36 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

38 The original bill established a 3-part fee structure for  
snowmobile registration: residents, \$22; nonresidents who paid  
40 sales or use tax on their snowmobiles, \$22; and nonresidents who  
have registered their snowmobiles in other states, \$30.

42 This amendment establishes one fee for residents and  
44 nonresidents alike of \$20. This amendment adjusts provisions  
that credit funds raised by the registration fees to the  
46 Snowmobile Trail Fund to reflect the change in the fee  
structure. This adjustment reduces by \$2 the amount credited to  
48 the Snowmobile Trail Fund from collections of resident and  
nonresident registration fees. This adjustment also eliminates  
50 the provision in the bill that allocated funds raised by the \$30  
nonresident registration fee, since the \$30 nonresident fee has  
52 been eliminated.

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2           This amendment adds an allocation section that allocates  
4           \$290,000 in fiscal years 1991-92 and 1992-93 to the Department of  
          Conservation. This revenue will be raised by the fee increases  
          in the bill and this amendment.

6           This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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