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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

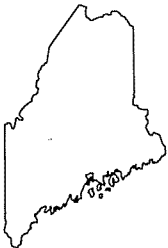
Cosponsored by President PRAY of Penobscot, Senator COLLINS of Aroostook and Representative MORRISON of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Concerning Snowmobile Registration Fees.

(EMERGENCY)



Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, it is essential to improve and maintain the 9,000 miles of snowmobile trails that exist in this State; and

Whereas, this legislation increases the registration fees payable by residents and nonresidents to supplement the funds already provided for in the State's Snowmobile Trail Fund; and

Whereas, it is essential to begin collecting these increased fees as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1987, c. 88, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Fee. The annual snowmobile registration fee for residents and nonresidents is as follows.

A. The registration fee for Maine residents is \$22.

B. The registration fee for nonresidents who produce evidence that they have paid a state sales tax or use tax in connection with the purchase of the snowmobile being registered is \$22.

C. The registration fee for nonresidents who produce evidence that the snowmobile being registered is currently registered in another state or jurisdiction is \$30. This registration is a temporary registration under which the registered snowmobile may be operated within the State for periods of time during that current registration year that do not exceed in the aggregate 30 calendar days.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 1989, c. 918, Pt. D, §9, is further amended to read:

A. The registration fee for residents is credited as follows:

(1) \$4.75 of each fee is credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue;

2 (2) ~~\$5.25~~ \$11.25 of each fee is credited to the
Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of
4 Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Recreation; and

6 (3) \$6 of each fee is annually distributed to the
municipality of the owner's residence as shown on the
8 owner's registration certificate, except that in
unorganized territory, \$6 of each fee is annually
10 distributed to the county of the owner's residence as
shown on the owner's registration certificate and
12 credited to the unorganized territory fund of that
county established in Title 30-A, section 7502.

14 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§3, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1989, c.
16 918, Pt. D, §9, is further amended to read:

18 B. The registration fee for nonresidents that is collected
under subsection 2, paragraph B, is credited as follows:

20 (1) \$10.75 of each fee is credited to the General Fund
as undedicated revenue; and

22 (2) ~~\$5.25~~ \$11.25 of each fee is credited to the
24 Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of
Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Recreation.

26 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§3, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1989, c.
28 918, Pt. D, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its
place:

30 C. The registration fee for nonresidents that is collected
32 under subsection 2, paragraph C, is credited as follows:

34 (1) \$5 of each fee is credited to the General Fund as
undedicated revenue; and

36 (2) \$25 of each fee is credited to the Snowmobile
38 Trail Fund of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of
Parks and Recreation.

40 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§3, ¶¶D and E** are enacted to read:

42 D. The annual fee for each dealer number plate is credited
44 as follows:

46 (1) \$5 of each fee is credited to the General Fund as
undedicated revenue; and

48 (2) \$11 of each fee is credited to the Snowmobile
50 Trail Fund of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of
Parks and Recreation.

2 E. All other money received under this chapter, including
3 dealer license fees, is credited to the General Fund as
4 undedicated revenue.

6 Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§8, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1979, c.
7 420, §1, is amended to read:

8 A. Whoever transfers the ownership or permanently
9 discontinues the use of a registered snowmobile and applies
10 for registration of another snowmobile in the same
11 registration year shall ~~be~~ is entitled to a certificate of
12 registration upon payment of a transfer fee of \$2 and shall
13 is not be required to pay the regular registration fee of
14 ~~\$11.25~~ \$22.00.

16 Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420,
17 §1, is repealed.

18 Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §7825, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 1989, c.
19 913, Pt. A, §14, is further amended to read:

22 A. Each registered dealer may receive dealer's number
23 plates for a \$5 \$16 annual fee for each plate.

24 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
25 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

28 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

30 The purpose of this bill is to structure snowmobile
31 registration fees so that the snowmobiling public will be paying
32 to better support the much needed infrastructure in the form of
33 properly maintained, safer and improved trails throughout the
34 State.

36 The bill increases annual snowmobile registration fees for
37 Maine residents from \$16 to \$22 and establishes 2 separate levels
38 of fees for nonresidents. The registration fee for nonresidents
39 who have paid Maine sales and use tax for the snowmobile being
40 registered is \$22; the fee for nonresidents that have registered
41 their snowmobiles in other states is \$30. The registration for
42 nonresidents whose snowmobile is registered in another state is a
43 limited registration that permits the operation of the snowmobile
44 for a total of 30 days during the registration year.

46 The bill allocates most of the funds generated by the
47 increase in registration fees payable by residents and
48 nonresidents to supplement the funds already provided for in the
49 State's Snowmobile Trail Fund administered by the Department of
50 Conservation.

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