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House of Representatives, January 9, 1997

**An Act to Allow Field Testing of Unregistered Snowmobiles Repaired
by Licensed Snowmobile Repair Shops.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska.
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DRISCOLL of Calais, DUNLAP of Old Town,
JONES of Greenville, O'NEAL of Limestone, PAUL of Sanford.

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

4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7825-A is enacted to read:

6 §7825-A. Snowmobile repair shop registration and license

8 1. Application and issuance. A person whose business
10 includes repairing snowmobiles but who is not required to be
12 licensed as a snowmobile dealer under section 7825 may register
that business entity as a snowmobile repair shop and secure a
snowmobile repair shop license and number plate from the
commissioner.

14 2. Fee. The commissioner shall set the fee for a
16 snowmobile repair shop license. The fee may not exceed \$15 for
any 12-month period.

18 3. Field testing repairs on unregistered snowmobiles. The
20 owner of a snowmobile repair shop licensed under this section may
operate or allow the operation of an unregistered snowmobile for
22 the purpose of field testing repairs to that snowmobile if:

24 A. Valid snowmobile repair shop number plates issued under
section 7825-A are affixed to the snowmobile during the
26 field test; and

28 B. The snowmobile is not owned by the snowmobile repair
shop or any person employed by the snowmobile repair shop.

30 Operating an unregistered snowmobile in compliance with this
32 subsection is not a violation of section 7827, subsection 1.

34 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7827, sub-§23, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1979, c.
420, §1, is amended to read:

36 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1:

38 (1) No registration shall--be is required for a
40 snowmobile operated over the snow on land on which the
owner lives or on lands on which he the owner is
42 domiciled, provided the snowmobile is not operated
elsewhere within the jurisdiction of this State;

44 (2) No registration shall--be is required for a
46 snowmobile operated by a commercial ski area for the
purpose of packing snow or for rescue operation
thereon, unless the snowmobile is required to cross a
48 public way during that operation; and

50 (3) Snowmobiles owned and operated in this State by
the Federal Government, the State or political

2 subdivision of the State shall--be are exempt from
3 registration fees, but shall must be registered and
4 required to display numbers+; and

6 (4) Registration is not required to field test repairs
7 to a snowmobile if valid snowmobile repair shop number
8 plates issued under section 7825-A are affixed to the
9 snowmobile during the field test and the snowmobile is
10 not owned by the snowmobile repair shop or any repair
11 shop employee.

14 SUMMARY

16 Operating an unregistered snowmobile for the purpose of
17 field testing repairs is not allowed under current law. This
18 bill allows a business that repairs snowmobiles to purchase a
19 license from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that
20 allows the owner of the shop to lawfully field test an
21 unregistered snowmobile repaired by that shop.

22 The annual fee for the snowmobile repair shop license is set
23 by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and may not
24 exceed \$15, the current annual fee for a snowmobile dealer's
25 license.
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