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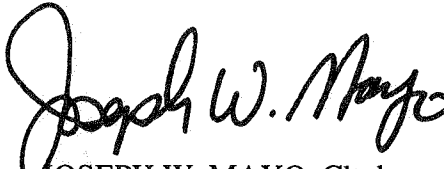
H.P. 814

House of Representatives, February 18, 1997

An Act to Provide Funding for the Enforcement of Snowmobile Laws.

(EMERGENCY)

Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CHICK of Lebanon.
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and
Representatives: DEXTER of Kingfield, FOSTER of Gray, GOOLEY of Farmington, SIROIS
of Caribou, USHER of Westbrook, WHEELER of Eliot, Senators: CAREY of Kennebec,
MICHAUD of Penobscot.

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

4 **Whereas,** effective enforcement of snowmobile laws is
6 essential to ensure the public health and welfare; and

8 **Whereas,** the policies in this Act must take effect
immediately in order to ensure the effective enforcement of
10 snowmobile laws during the recreational snowmobile season; and

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

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

20 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§3, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1995, c.
502, Pt. E, §30, is further amended to read:

22 B. The registration fee for nonresidents is credited as
24 follows.

26 (1) Fifteen Ten dollars and seventy-five cents of each
28 fee is credited to the General Fund as undedicated
revenue.

30 (1-A) Four dollars and twenty-five cents is credited
32 to the warden service enforcement fund to help defray
the costs of enforcing snowmobile laws.

34 If any of this money is not expended during the year in
36 which it is collected, the unexpended balance does not
lapse, but is carried forward as a continuing account
available for the purposes specified until expended.

38 (2) The remainder is credited to the Snowmobile Trail
40 Fund of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks
and Lands.

42 **Sec. 2. Transfer of funds.** Notwithstanding any other provision
44 of law, the State Controller must transfer \$42,000 in fiscal year
1996-97 from the Carrying Balances - Inland Fisheries and
46 Wildlife, General Fund, to Enforcement Operations - Inland
Fisheries and Wildlife, General Fund for augmented snowmobile
48 enforcement activities no later than June 30, 1997.

2 **Sec. 3. Transfer of funds by financial order.** Beginning in fiscal
3 year 1997-98, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is
4 authorized to transfer by financial order, up to an amount equal
5 to the preceding fiscal year's actual increased revenue as a
6 result of increased snowmobile registration fees for
7 nonresidents, as authorized by Public Law 1995, chapter 467, from
8 the Carrying Balances - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, General
9 Fund, to Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife,
10 General Fund for augmented snowmobile enforcement activities.

11 **Sec. 4. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
12 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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14 **1996-97**

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16 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,**
17 **DEPARTMENT OF**

18 **Snowmobile Enforcement - Inland**
19 **Fisheries and Wildlife**

22	Personal Services	\$36,000
23	All Other	6,000
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25	TOTAL	\$42,000

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27 Provides for the appropriation of funds for
28 increased snowmobile enforcement activities.

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

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34 **SUMMARY**

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36 This bill clarifies that the increase in nonresident
37 snowmobile registration fees, as enacted by Public Law 1995,
38 chapter 467, must be used by the Department of Inland Fisheries
39 and Wildlife for enforcement of snowmobile laws.

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41 The bill requires that the nonresident snowmobile
42 registration fee increases are credited to the General Fund and
43 appropriated to Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and
44 Wildlife, General Fund.

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46 The bill appropriates \$42,000 in fiscal year 1996-97 to
47 reimburse the Bureau of Warden Service for costs incurred for
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2 snowmobile enforcement activities that were in excess of the
3 funds appropriated for that purpose in fiscal year 1995-96 and
4 amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7824,
subsection 3 so that this appropriation will take place each year.