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House of Representatives, March 20, 1997

**An Act to Amend Snowmobile Registration Fees and Promote
Snowmobile Club Participation.**

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 BELANGER of Wallagrass.
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and
Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, JOY of Crystal, O'NEAL of Limestone, SIROIS of
Caribou.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 467, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 2. Fee. The annual snowmobile registration fee is \$35 for both residents and nonresidents. The registration for a snowmobile is valid for one year, commencing on July 1st of each year. If a person registering a snowmobile is a member of a snowmobile club that is recognized and approved by an incorporated statewide snowmobile association, the annual registration fee is \$25, if the person supplies written proof of membership in that club. A resident of the Canadian Province of New Brunswick or Quebec or of New Hampshire is exempt from registering a snowmobile in this State if that person has registered the snowmobile in that person's home state or province.

18 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§2-A**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 256, is amended to read:

20 **2-A. Members of the Armed Forces permanently stationed in Maine.** The following persons are eligible to register any snowmobile owned by them at the as a resident fee:

24 A. Any person serving in the Armed Forces of the United States who is permanently stationed at a military or naval post, station or base in the State; and

28 B. The spouse and children of that person, provided that the spouse and children permanently reside with that person.

32 Such a member of the Armed Forces desiring to register a snowmobile shall present certification from the commander of his that member's post, station or base, or from the commander's designated agent, that the person mentioned in the certificate is permanently stationed at that post, station or base. Registration fees for registrations pursuant to this subsection shall must be allocated as if the person registering the snowmobile was were a resident of the municipality in which the post, station or base is situated.

42 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§3, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 477, §2 and PL 1995, c. 502, Pt. E, §30, is further amended to read:

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

48 (1) ~~\$4.75~~ Six dollars of each fee is credited to the
50 General Fund as undedicated revenue;

2 (2) \$9.25 Eleven dollars and fifty cents of each fee
4 is credited to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the
Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands;
and

6 (3) \$6 Seven dollars and fifty cents of each fee is
8 annually distributed to the municipality of the owner's
residence as shown on the owner's registration
10 certificate, except that in unorganized territory, \$6
12 \$7.50 of each fee is annually distributed to the county
of the owner's residence as shown on the owner's
14 registration certificate and credited to the
unorganized territory fund of that county established
in Title 30-A, section 7502, ; and

16 (4) Ten dollars of each \$35 fee is distributed to an
18 incorporated statewide snowmobile association.

20 The \$25 registration fee for members of a snowmobile club
22 recognized and approved by an incorporated statewide
snowmobile association is credited as allocated in
subparagraphs (1) to (3).

24 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§3, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1995, c.
26 467, §4 and c. 502, Pt. E, §30, is repealed.

28 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§6,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 467,
§5, is further amended to read:

30 **6. Duplicate registration certificate.** The holder of any
32 ~~resident-or-nonresident-seasonal~~ registration certificate issued
upon application and payment of a fee of \$1.

36 **SUMMARY**

38 This bill makes the annual snowmobile registration fee \$35
40 for both residents and nonresidents, removing the current dual
fee structure. It also provides a \$10 discount on the
42 registration fee for members of a snowmobile club recognized and
approved by an incorporated statewide snowmobile association,
44 such as the Maine Snowmobile Association, and allocates \$10 of
the \$35 registration fee for nonmembers of such a club to an
46 incorporated statewide snowmobile association, such as the Maine
Snowmobile Association. The bill also exempts residents of New
48 Brunswick, Quebec and New Hampshire from having to register
snowmobiles in this State if they have registered the snowmobiles
in their home states or provinces.