

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 173

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

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### **An Act to Increase the Snowmobile Trail Fund.**

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.  
Cosponsored by Senator: MICHAUD of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §2903-B**, amended by PL 1995, c. 502, Pt. E, §30, is further amended to read:

6 **§2903-B. Finding of fact**

8 The Legislature hereby makes a finding of fact that the  
10 percentage relationship of "gasoline tax" paid by that segment of  
the nonhighway gasoline user, the snowmobile user, is not less  
12 than ~~.5%~~ 1.0% of the total "gasoline tax" revenue, but certainly  
is more than the ~~.5%~~ 1.0% referred to. Based on this legislative  
14 "finding of fact" there is set aside ~~.5%~~ 1.0% of the total excise  
tax on internal combustion engine fuel sold or used within the  
16 State, but not including internal combustion fuel sold for use in  
the propulsion of aircraft. From this ~~.5%~~ 1.0% allocation, 10%  
18 shall ~~must~~ be paid to the Treasurer of State to be made available  
to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; this money to  
be expended for the purpose set forth in Title 12, section 7824.  
20 The remaining 90% of the ~~.5%~~ 1.0% shall ~~must~~ be credited to the  
Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Bureau of Parks and Lands,  
22 established under Title 12, section 7824. The State Tax Assessor  
shall certify to the State Controller by the 15th day of each  
24 month the amounts to be credited under this section as of the  
close of the State Controller's records for the previous month.

26 In addition to the set aside of ~~.5%~~ 1.0% of the total excise  
28 tax on internal combustion fuel sold or used within this State,  
the Legislature finds that an additional percentage of .17% must  
30 be paid to the Treasurer of State to be made available to the  
Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Conservation, Bureau  
32 of Parks and Lands, established under Title 12, section 7824.

34 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill increases from .5% to 1.0% the current amount set  
38 aside from the excise tax on internal combustion fuel for the  
Snowmobile Trail Fund and the Department of Inland Fisheries and  
40 Wildlife.