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H.P. 1463

House of Representatives, March 30, 1999

An Act to Stagger Registration for Watercraft, All-terrain Vehicles and Snowmobiles.

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 POVICH of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot and
Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, CLARK of Millinocket, COTE of Lewiston,
DUNLAP of Old Town, TRACY of Rome, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, Senators: KIEFFER of
Aroostook, KILKELLY of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7794, sub-§9-B**, as enacted by PL 1997, c.
4 324, §2 and affected by §7, is amended to read:

6 **9-B. Certificate of number; term.** A certificate of number
8 is issued to the owner of a watercraft or a dealer ~~for a specific~~
 ~~calendar-year~~ and is valid ~~through-December~~ to the next May 31st
10 ~~of-the-year-for-which-it-was-issued.~~

12 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
14 24, Pt. I, §8, is further amended to read:

16 A. For residents, \$25. The registration for a snowmobile
18 owned by a resident is valid for one year, commencing on
20 July ~~January~~ 1st of each year; and

22 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7854, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 432,
24 §54, is further amended to read:

26 **1. Application and issuance.** The commissioner, or an agent
28 designated by the commissioner, may register and assign a
30 registration number to any ATV upon application and payment of an
32 annual fee by the owner. The commissioner shall charge a fee of
34 \$1 in addition to the annual fee for each registration issued by
36 an employee of the department. The registration number must be
38 clearly displayed on the front and rear of the vehicle. A
40 registration is valid for one year commencing July ~~January~~ 1st of
42 each year.

44 **Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §1503, sub-§8-B**, as enacted by PL 1997, c.
46 324, §4 and affected by §7, is amended to read:

48 **8-B. Registration period.** "Registration period" means from
50 January ~~June~~ 1st to ~~December~~ May 31st ~~of, the year~~ period for
 which the certificate of number is issued pursuant to Title 12,
 section 7794.

Sec. 5. Transition provisions. Notwithstanding the Maine
Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7794, subsection 9-B, a
certificate of number issued to the owner of a watercraft or a
dealer from January 1, 2000 to May 31, 2000 is valid to December
31, 2000. Such an owner of a watercraft or dealer may purchase a
certificate of number that expires May 31, 2001 for 1/2 the
ordinary cost from January 1, 2001 to May 31, 2001.

Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12,
section 7824, subsection 2, paragraph A, a registration for a
snowmobile owned by a resident that is issued July 1, 1999 to
December 31, 1999 is valid to June 30, 2000. Such a resident may

2 purchase a registration that expires December 31, 2000 for 1/2
the ordinary cost from July 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.

4 Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12,
6 section 7854, subsection 1, a registration for an all-terrain
vehicle that is issued July 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999 is valid
8 to June 30, 2000. The owner of such an all-terrain vehicle may
purchase a registration that expires December 31, 2000 for 1/2
the ordinary cost from July 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.

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12 **Sec. 6. Effective date.** Those sections of this Act that amend
the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7794, subsection
14 9-B and Title 36, section 1503, subsection 8-B take effect June
1, 2000. Those sections of this Act that amend Title 12, section
16 7824, subsection 2, paragraph A and section 7854, subsection 1
take effect January 1, 2000.

18 SUMMARY

20 This bill changes the registration year for snowmobiles,
22 watercraft and all-terrain vehicles.