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In Senate, January 30, 2001

An Act to Change the Snowmobile Registration Laws.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town and
Senators: CARPENTER of York, DAVIS of Piscataquis, KNEELAND of Aroostook,
MARTIN of Aroostook, Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, HONEY of Boothbay,
PINEAU of Jay, RINES of Wiscasset.

Be it enacted by the People of the	State of Maine as follows:
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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§9, as amended by PL 1997, c. 227, §4, is further amended to read:

- 9. Requirement. Except as specifically provided in this subsection, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, a snowmobile <u>belonging to a nonresident</u> may be possessed or operated by any person in this State without-being registered-in this-State as long as:
- A. The snowmobile is properly registered in this State in the name of a nonresident owner of the snowmobile;-and.

B--The-nonresident-owner-of-the-snewmebile-is-a-resident-of
a-state-province-country-or-district-with-which-this-State
has-reciprocity-

For-purposes - of--this--subsection,--"state,--province,--country-or district-with-which-this--State-has--reciprocity"-means--a-state, province,--country-or-district--that-shares--a-common-border-with this--State-and--that-offers--similar-privileges--to-residents--of this--State,---A--state,--province,--country--or--district--does--not offer--similar-privileges-if--Maine-residents--holding-a-valid--Maine snowmobile-registration-are-charged-a-fee--for--access-to--the--trail system--in--that--state,--province,--country-or--district,--or--if,--as determined--by--the--commissioner,--privileges--and--opportunities offered-to--snowmobile--users--in--that--state,--province,--country-or district--are--not--otherwise--comparable--to--those--offered--in--this State,

A snowmobile owned by a nonresident may not be issued a resident registration. Nothing in this subsection authorizes the operation of any snowmobile in any manner contrary to this subchapter. This subsection does not apply to snowmobiles and grooming equipment registered to snowmobile clubs, municipalities or counties from bordering states or provinces and engaged in trail grooming.

40 SUMMARY

Under current law, a snowmobile may be operated in the State without being registered in the State if the snowmobile is registered in another area that grants Maine residents a reciprocal privilege. This bill requires all nonresidents who snowmobile in Maine to register their snowmobiles in Maine. This bill specifically excludes from this requirement snowmobiles and grooming equipment registered to snowmobile clubs, municipalities or counties and engaged in trail grooming activities.