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**MINORITY
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 970, L.D. 1294, Bill, "An Act to Change the Snowmobile Registration Rates"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Increase Revenue for Snowmobile Trail Maintenance'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§2-C is enacted to read:

2-C. Voluntary checkoff on registration form. The commissioner shall provide a voluntary check-off system on a snowmobile registration form to allow an individual to make a donation in addition to the regular snowmobile registration fee. The commissioner shall provide 4 clearly marked check-off boxes designated as "\$5," "\$25," "\$50" and "other." Revenue raised from these check-off boxes must be appropriated in the same manner as snowmobile registration fees under subsection 3.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

Allowing voluntary contributions to be made through snowmobile registrations may increase General Fund revenues collected by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, dedicated revenues collected for the Snowmobile Trail Fund within the Department of Conservation and revenues collected for the registrant's home municipality.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 If the collected amounts of revenue are significant, the
3 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will need additional
4 General Fund appropriations to meet the constitutional
5 requirement that the total level of General Fund appropriations
6 must be at least equal to the undedicated revenues collected by
7 the department. Similarly, a significant amount of additional
8 dedicated revenue collected for the Department of Conservation
9 will require additional Other Special Revenue funds allocations
10 for the Snowmobile Trail Fund. The amounts will depend on the
11 contributions that are made and can not be determined at this
12 time.'

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SUMMARY

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18 This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing
19 Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and it requires the
20 Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide
21 check-off boxes for donations on snowmobile registration forms.
22 Revenue raised from donations must be appropriated in the same
fashion as snowmobile registration fees. It also adds a fiscal
note to the bill.