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An Act to Enhance Trail Revenue

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative LUNDEEN of Mars Hill. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and

Representatives: McGLOCKLIN of Embden, SAMPSON of Auburn, YOUNG of Limestone,
Senator: KNEELAND of Aroostook.

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 2001, c. 254, §1, is further amended to read:

6 **2. Fee.** Except as provided in subsection 2-B, the annual snowmobile registration fee is as follows:

8 A. For residents, ~~\$30~~ \$65. The registration for a snowmobile owned by a resident is valid for one year, commencing on July 1st of each year; and

12 B. For nonresidents:

14 (1) ~~Forty~~ Seventy-five dollars for a ~~3-consecutive-day~~ 3-consecutive-day registration. A person may purchase more than one 3-day registration in any season;

16 (2) ~~Fifty-five~~ Ninety dollars for a ~~10-consecutive-day~~ 10-consecutive-day registration. A person may purchase more than one 10-day registration in any season; and

18 (3) ~~Sixty-five~~ One hundred dollars for a seasonal registration.

20 The registration for a snowmobile owned by a nonresident must specify the dates for which the registration is valid.

22 Five dollars from each registration fee in this subsection must be transferred to a special fund administered by the Off-Road Vehicle Division of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation. The funds must be used to assist any entity that has a snowmobile trail-grooming contract with the bureau in the purchase of trail-grooming equipment.

24 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§2-B**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 403, §35, is further amended to read:

26 **2-B. Antique snowmobile registration fee.** A resident who owns a snowmobile that is more than 25 years old and that is substantially maintained in original or restored condition may register that snowmobile under this subsection as an antique snowmobile. An antique snowmobile registration authorizes that snowmobile to be operated only for the purpose of traveling to, returning from and participating in an exhibition, parade or other event of interest to the public or for occasional personal use. The fee for an antique snowmobile registration is ~~\$30~~ \$65. An antique snowmobile registration is valid until the ownership of that antique snowmobile is transferred to another person. Upon the transfer of ownership, the new owner may reregister that

2 snowmobile as an antique snowmobile by paying the \$30 ~~\$65~~ antique
snowmobile registration fee. The registration fee for an antique
4 snowmobile is allocated according to subsection 3, paragraph A.

6 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§2-C** is enacted to read:

8 2-C. Rebate. A person who is a member of a snowmobile club
may apply to the commissioner within 10 days after registering a
10 snowmobile for a rebate of \$25. If the commissioner receives
satisfactory evidence that the person is a member of a snowmobile
12 club, the commissioner shall issue the rebate to the applicant.

14 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§3, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
24, Pt. I, §9, is further amended to read:

16 A. Thirty-five dollars of each snowmobile registration fee
18 for residents or \$10 in the case of a registration fee of
which \$25 has been rebated pursuant to subsection 2-C is
20 credited to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of
Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands. The remaining
22 revenue from the registration fee for residents is credited
as follows:

24 (1) Twenty-two percent is credited to the General Fund
as undedicated revenue;

26 (2) Fifty-two percent is credited to the Snowmobile
28 Trail Fund of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of
Parks and Lands; and

30 (3) Twenty-six percent is annually distributed to the
32 municipality of the owner's residence as shown on the
owner's registration certificate, except that in
34 unorganized territory, 26% is annually distributed to
the county of the owner's residence as shown on the
36 owner's registration certificate and credited to the
unorganized territory fund of that county established
38 in Title 30-A, section 7502.

40 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§3, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
513, §2, is further amended to read:

42 B. Thirty-five dollars of each snowmobile registration fee
44 for nonresidents or \$10 in the case of a registration fee of
which \$25 has been rebated pursuant to subsection 2-C is
46 credited to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of
Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands. The remaining
48 revenue from the registration fee for residents is credited
as follows.

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2 (1) Eighteen percent is credited to the General Fund
as undedicated revenue.

4 (1-A) Seven percent is credited to the Snowmobile
Enforcement Fund established under section 7824-G.

6 (2) The remainder is credited to the Snowmobile Trail
8 Fund of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks
and Lands.

10 **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§8, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2001, c.
12 471, Pt. E, §3 and affected by §4, is further amended to read:

14 D. Whoever obtains an original resident snowmobile
16 registration after March 31st, may pay ~~\$37.50~~ \$72.50 and
receive a registration covering the remainder of the
18 registration period plus one additional year.

20 **Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §7854, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 690,
Pt. A, §13 and affected by §18, is further amended to read:

22 3. **Fee.** The annual registration fee for an ATV is ~~\$17~~ \$52
24 for a resident and ~~\$35~~ \$70 for a nonresident.

26 **Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §7854, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

28 3-A. Rebate. A person who is a member of a snowmobile club
may apply to the commissioner within 10 days after registering an
30 ATV for a rebate of \$25. If the commissioner receives
satisfactory evidence that the person is a member of a snowmobile
32 club, the commissioner shall issue the rebate to the applicant.

34 **Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §7854, sub-§4, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2001, c.
690, Pt. A, §14 and affected by §18, is further amended to read:

36 A. Thirty-five dollars of each registration fee or \$10 in
the case of a registration fee of which \$25 has been rebated
38 pursuant to subsection 3-A is credited to the Snowmobile
Trail Fund of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of
40 Parks and Lands. After administrative costs, all other
42 revenues received under this subchapter are credited as
44 undedicated revenue to the General Fund except that 50% of
46 those revenues is credited to the ATV Recreational
48 Management Fund of the Department of Conservation. The
Legislature shall appropriate to the department in each
fiscal year an amount equal to the administrative costs
incurred by the department in collecting revenue under this
subsection. Those administrative costs must be verified by

2 the Department of Conservation and the Department of
Administrative and Financial Services.

4 The department shall use a portion of the revenue dedicated
6 to the ATV Recreational Management Fund for an ATV law
enforcement grant-in-aid program to assist law enforcement
8 agencies other than the Bureau of Warden Service.

10 **Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §7854, sub-§7, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2001, c.
690, Pt. A, §15 and affected by §18, is further amended to read:

12 C. Whenever there is a change of ownership of an
14 all-terrain vehicle for which a registration has previously
been issued, the new owner shall apply for a new
16 registration and shall pay the regular ~~\$17 fee for residents~~
~~and \$35 for nonresidents~~ specified in subsection 3.

18 **Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §7854, sub-§7, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2001, c.
690, Pt. A, §16 and affected by §18, is further amended to read:

20 D. After March 31st, a person may pay ~~\$21.25~~ \$56.25 for
22 residents and ~~\$43.75~~ \$78.75 for nonresidents and receive a
24 registration covering the remainder of the registration
period plus one additional year.

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SUMMARY

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This bill:

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1. Increases the registration fees for snowmobiles and for
32 ATVs, which include off-road motorcycles, by \$35;

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2. Allows persons who are members of snowmobile clubs to
36 receive \$25 rebates on the payment of these increased fees; and

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3. Applies the revenues from these additional fees to the
38 Snowmobile Trail Fund.