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House of Representatives, January 30, 2003

An Act To Change the Display of ATV Registration Numbers

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FINCH of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, LANDRY of Sanford, WHEELER of Kittery, Senators: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, MITCHELL of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7854, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 387,
§39, is further amended to read:

6 **1. Application, issuance and decal specifications.** The
7 commissioner, or an agent designated by the commissioner, may
8 register and assign a registration number to any ATV upon
9 application and payment of an annual fee by the owner. The
10 commissioner shall charge a fee of \$1 in addition to the annual
11 fee for each registration issued by an employee of the
12 department. The registration number must be clearly displayed on
13 the rear of the vehicle. A registration is valid for one year
14 commencing July 1st of each year. The following specifications
15 apply to ATV registration number decals and their issuance.

16 A. The department shall issue sequentially numbered decals
17 to each agent designated by the commissioner for ATV
18 registration purposes. An agent shall distribute a decal to
19 a registration applicant as a means of assigning the
20 registration number. Decals must:

21 (1) Be 4 inches by 4 inches in size;

22 (2) Display a 5-digit registration number, that is as
23 large as possible;

24 (3) Display an expiration date;

25 (4) Display the words "Maine ATV"; and

26 (5) Use a background color that vividly contrasts with
27 the color of the numbers and letters. A different
28 background color should be used each year.

29 B. The department or an agent designated by the commissioner
30 for ATV registration purposes, when issuing a registration
31 number decal, shall provide an applicant with:

32 (1) A diagram depicting where the registration number
33 decal must be placed on the vehicle to provide optimum
34 visibility;

35 (2) Written instructions that an expired registration
36 number decal must be removed from the ATV or completely
37 covered; and

38 (3) Written educational information about ATV laws and
39 safety.

2 C. An agent issuing ATV registration number decals shall
3 notify an applicant that by signing the ATV registration the
4 applicant is affirming that the applicant is aware of and
5 understands the laws governing ATV registration and use in
6 the State.

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SUMMARY

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This bill requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue ATV registration decals and provide applicants with certain information regarding ATV registration, use and laws.