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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 170, L.D. 231, Bill, "An Act To Provide for Registration of Certain Snowmobile Trail-grooming Equipment"

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 §10203, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

5. **Snowmobiles and trail-grooming equipment.** Money relating to snowmobile and trail-grooming equipment laws and rules must be collected and expended in accordance with section 1893, subsection 3 and section 10206, subsection 2.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10206, sub-§2, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §48 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

2. **Snowmobile and trail-grooming equipment revenues.** 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. The department's administrative costs must be verified by the Department of Conservation and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 170, L.D. 231

2 A. The snowmobile and trail-grooming equipment registration  
fee for residents collected under chapter 937 is credited as  
follows:

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

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

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

20 B. The snowmobile registration fee for nonresidents  
22 collected under chapter 937 is credited as follows.

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

26 (2) Seven percent is credited to the Snowmobile  
Enforcement Fund established under section 10258.

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

30 D. The annual fee for each snowmobile dealer number plate  
issued pursuant to section 13109 is credited as follows:

32 (1) Thirty percent is credited to the General Fund as  
undedicated revenue; and

34 (2) Seventy percent is credited to the Snowmobile  
Trail Fund of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of  
Parks and Lands.

36 E. All money received under the provisions of this Part  
relating to snowmobiles, including chapter 937, other than  
that credited pursuant to paragraphs A to D, including  
snowmobile dealer license fees, is credited to the General  
Fund as undedicated revenue.

48 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §13113 is enacted to read:

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§13113. Registration of trail-grooming equipment

1. Definitions. For purposes of this section, "trail-grooming equipment" means a self-propelled vehicle that:

- A. Has a minimum weight of 1,200 pounds;
- B. Exceeds 60 inches in width;
- C. Is driven by a track or tracks in contact with the snow; and
- D. Is performing winter trail maintenance by plowing, leveling or compacting snow by use of a front plow or rear attachments that include but are not limited to rollers, compactor bars or trail drags.

2. Operating unregistered trail-grooming equipment. Except as provided in this section, a person may not operate trail-grooming equipment on a snowmobile trail that is financed in whole or in part by the Snowmobile Trail Fund unless that trail-grooming equipment is registered in accordance with this section.

A. A registration is not required for trail-grooming equipment operated on land on which the owner lives or on land on which the owner is domiciled, if the trail-grooming equipment is not operated elsewhere within the jurisdiction of this State.

B. A registration is not required for trail-grooming equipment operated by a commercial ski area for the purpose of packing snow or for rescue operation, unless the trail-grooming equipment is required to cross a public way during that operation.

C. Trail-grooming equipment owned and operated by the Federal Government, the State or a political subdivision of the State is exempt from registration fees, but must be registered and is required to display the registration.

3. Application and issuance. The commissioner may register trail-grooming equipment upon application by the owner if the owner is an organization that has an approved contract for snowmobile trail grooming with the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands, Off-Road Vehicle Division or a person that can provide proof to the department at the time of application that the person is a member of an organization eligible to register trail-grooming equipment under this section. The commissioner may establish procedures necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.





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LR 0949(02)

## An Act To Provide for Registration of Certain Snowmobile Trail-grooming Equipment

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A'

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes a new civil violation and Class E crime.

The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.