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House of Representatives, March 10, 2005

An Act To Improve the Process for Reporting Accidents Involving Off-road Vehicles

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SMITH of Monmouth.
Cosponsored by Representative MARLEY of Portland, Senator COWGER of Kennebec and
Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, FISCHER of Presque Isle, GERZOFKY of Brunswick,
MILLS of Farmington, PINEAU of Jay, PIOTTI of Unity, WATSON of Bath, Senator:
WOODCOCK of Franklin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10501, sub-§11**, as amended by PL 2003, c.
655, Pt. B, §57 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

6 **11. Failure to give notice of snowmobile accident.** Failure
8 of a person who is required to give notice of a snowmobile
10 accident under section ~~13106-A, subsection 23~~ 13007 to give that
12 notice to the available law enforcement officer nearest to the
14 place where the accident occurred is prima facie evidence that
16 the accident was not reported.

18 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13007** is enacted to read:

20 **§13007. Accidents**

22 The provisions of Title 29-A, chapter 19, subchapter 3
24 concerning accidents apply to an operator of a snowmobile or ATV
26 that is involved in an accident off-road or on a public way.

28 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §13106-A, sub-§23**, as enacted by PL 2003, c.
30 655, Pt. B, §394 and affected by §422, is repealed.

32 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §13157-A, sub-§20**, as enacted by PL 2003, c.
34 655, Pt. B, §414 and affected by §422, is repealed.

SUMMARY

30 This bill applies laws dealing with the requirements and
32 penalties for motorists involved in accidents to operators of
34 snowmobiles and ATVs involved in accidents off-road or on public
ways, including laws regarding accident reports and accidents
involving death or personal injury, vehicle damage, unattended
vehicles and property damage.