

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-2005

Legislative Document

No. 1688

S.P. 635

In Senate, June 8, 2005

An Act To Establish the Maine-New Hampshire Cooperative Trails

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRYANT of Oxford. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Representative MUSE of Fryeburg and
Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, PATRICK of Rumford, TRAHAN of Waldoboro,
WATSON of Bath, WHEELER of Kittery.

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

2
4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2005, c. 1, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 7. Snowmobiles of nonresidents; Maine-New Hampshire
8 Cooperative Trails. Except as specifically provided in this
10 subsection and notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
12 snowmobile belonging to a nonresident may be possessed or
14 operated by any person in this State as long as the snowmobile is
 properly registered in this State in the name of a nonresident
 owner of the snowmobile. Nothing in this subsection authorizes
 the operation of a snowmobile in a manner contrary to this
 chapter.

16 A. A nonresident is ineligible to obtain a resident
18 registration for a snowmobile owned by that nonresident.
20 Snowmobiles and grooming equipment registered to federal or
22 state entities, snowmobile clubs, municipalities or counties
24 from bordering states or provinces and engaged in trail
26 grooming may be operated without being registered under this
 subsection. Snowmobiles registered in either New Hampshire
 or Canada may be operated on any lake or pond that is partly
 in both the State and New Hampshire or Canada without being
 registered in the State.

28 B. A snowmobile registered in this State or in New
30 Hampshire may be operated without further registration
32 requirements on those portions of the Maine-New Hampshire
 Cooperative Trails located in Maine. For purposes of this
 paragraph, "Maine-New Hampshire Cooperative Trails" means:

34 (1) New Hampshire Trail 18 as identified in the
 Success Pond - Grafton Notch area; and

36 (2) Maine Trail ITS-80 as identified in the Evans
38 Notch area of the White Mountain National Forest.

40 The commissioner shall adopt rules regarding the grooming and
42 maintenance of the Maine-New Hampshire Cooperative Trails and
44 reimbursement or payment for those services. The rules must
46 allow reimbursement for grooming and maintenance services to be
48 through direct cash payments by users of the Maine-New Hampshire
 Cooperative Trails or through in-kind services. The costs of
 grooming and maintenance must be based on the average per mile
 costs to Maine and New Hampshire of providing these services.
 Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical
 rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Signs on Maine-New Hampshire Cooperative Trails. The
2 Director of the Off-Road Vehicle Division of the Bureau of Parks
and Lands within the Department of Conservation shall work with
4 the director of New Hampshire's snowmobile program to develop and
place signs clearly identifying the Maine-New Hampshire
6 Cooperative Trails as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes,
Title 12, section 13104, subsection 7.

8

SUMMARY

10

12 This bill designates 2 trails in Maine and New Hampshire as
the Maine-New Hampshire Cooperative Trails and allows a
14 snowmobile registered in either Maine or New Hampshire to be
operated on the portion of those trails located in Maine.

16

This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and
18 Wildlife to adopt rules regarding the grooming and maintenance of
the Maine-New Hampshire Cooperative Trails and payment or
20 reimbursement for those services by users of the trails based on
the average per mile cost of providing those services by Maine
22 and New Hampshire.

24

This bill requires the Director of the Off-Road Vehicle
26 Division of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department
of Conservation to work with the director of New Hampshire's
snowmobile program to develop and place signs clearly identifying
28 the Maine-New Hampshire Cooperative Trails.