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In Senate, December 15, 2005

**An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and
Wildlife To Allow the Operation of Snowmobiles Registered outside
the State at Special Events Occurring in the State**

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 15, 2005. Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: PARADIS of Frenchville.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** the law must be corrected so that it will be
effective for this snowmobile season; and

8 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
10 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
12 safety; now, therefore,

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

16 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§7, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2005, c.
456, §1, is amended to read:

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20 A. A nonresident is ineligible to obtain a resident
registration for a snowmobile owned by that nonresident.
22 Snowmobiles and grooming equipment registered to federal or
state entities, snowmobile clubs, municipalities or counties
24 from bordering states or provinces and engaged in trail
grooming may be operated without being registered under this
subsection. Snowmobiles registered in either New Hampshire
26 or Canada may be operated on any lake or pond that is partly
in both the State and New Hampshire or Canada without being
28 registered in the State. Snowmobiles registered in another
state or in a Canadian province may be operated without a
Maine registration at a special event or festival organized
30 to occur in this State if such operation is approved by the
commissioner. An event or festival organizer must submit a
request in writing to the commissioner at least 60 days
32 prior to the event or festival and shall include a map of
trails where operation will be allowed.
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36 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
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42 **SUMMARY**

44 This bill corrects an error that was made when Public Law
2005, chapter 456 removed the authority granted to the
46 Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by Public Law 2005,
chapter 1 to allow the operation of snowmobiles registered
outside the State at special events occurring in the State.
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