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An Act To Change Snowmobile Registration Requirements

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash and
Senator: DAMON of Hancock, Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, PATRICK of
Rumford, RICHARDSON of Carmel, WHEELER of Kittery.

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

- Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2005, c. 1, §1, is further amended to read:
- C. Snowmobiles owned and operated in this State by the Federal Government, the State or a political subdivision of the State are exempt from registration fees but must be registered and required to display numbers.
- 7 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:
- 2. Application and issuance. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee may register and assign a registration number to all snowmobiles upon application and payment of a registration fee by the owner. The commissioner shall charge a fee of \$1 for each registration issued by department employees.
- Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed.
- Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§10, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:
- 17 C. If there is a change of ownership of a snowmobile for which a registration has
  18 previously been issued, the new owner shall apply for a new registration, shall set
  19 forth the original number in the application and shall pay the regular fee for the
  20 particular snowmobile involved.
- Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§12-A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §389 and affected by §422, is amended to read:
- 23 **12-A.** Registration certificate; inspection and display. The following provisions apply to registration certificates and numbers.
- A. A person shall:
- 26 (1) Provide a registration certificate for inspection by any law enforcement officer on demand; and.
- 28 (2) Display a registration number assigned to a snowmobile in such form and
  29 manner as the commissioner may determine, except that an antique snowmobile
  30 is not required to display registration numbers.
- 31 B. The following penalties apply to violations of this subsection.
- 32 (1) A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.
- 34 (2) A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as 35 having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-36 year period commits a Class E crime.

- Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §13106-B, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 436, §6, is amended to read:
- 2. Provide information to injured party. The operator or a person acting on behalf of the operator of a snowmobile involved in an accident shall provide to an injured person or the operator or an occupant of any other snowmobile involved in the accident:
- 6 A. The operator's name and address; and.
- 7 B. The registration number of the operator's snowmobile.

8 SUMMARY

This bill streamlines snowmobile registration by eliminating the current use of permanent registration numbers.