

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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### **An Act To Require Snowmobile Safety Training**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HASKELL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn, Senator GERZOFSKY of Cumberland and Representatives: DAVIS of Sangerville, HANLEY of Gardiner.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13106-A, sub-§12**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B,  
3 §394 and affected by §422, is repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13114** is enacted to read:

5 **§13114. Age restrictions**

6 **1. Unlawfully operating snowmobile by person 10 years of age to under 16 years**  
7 **of age.** Except as provided in subsection 4, a person 10 years of age or older but under  
8 16 years of age may not operate a snowmobile unless that person has successfully  
9 completed a training course approved by the department pursuant to subsection 5 and is  
10 accompanied by an adult.

11 A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine  
12 of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

13 B. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having  
14 committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period  
15 commits a Class E crime.

16 **2. Person under 16 years of age crossing public way.** A person under 16 years of  
17 age may not cross a public way maintained for travel unless the crossing is in accordance  
18 with section 13106-A, subsection 5, paragraph B and the person satisfies the requirements  
19 of subsection 1.

20 A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine  
21 of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

22 B. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having  
23 committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period  
24 commits a Class E crime.

25 **3. Permitting an unaccompanied person under 16 years of age to operate a**  
26 **snowmobile.** Except as provided in subsection 4, a person may not permit an  
27 unaccompanied person 10 years of age or older but under 16 years of age to operate a  
28 snowmobile.

29 A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine  
30 of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

31 B. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having  
32 committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period  
33 commits a Class E crime.

34 **4. Exceptions for certain property.** This section does not apply to the operation of  
35 a snowmobile on:

36 A. The land on which the operator is domiciled;

37 B. Land owned or leased by the operator's parent or guardian; or

