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In Senate, February 10, 2011

An Act To Clarify Standards by Which Recreational Vehicles May Be Stopped

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

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and
Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BARTLETT of Cumberland, THIBODEAU of Waldo,
Representatives: CAREY of Lewiston, CRAY of Palmyra, DAVIS of Sangerville, FITTS of
Pittsfield, McCABE of Skowhegan.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10353, sub-§2, ¶H,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2
3 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

4 H. ~~Stop~~ If the warden has reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe that a
5 violation of law has taken place or is taking place, stop and examine any snowmobile
6 recreational vehicle to ascertain whether it is being operated in compliance with
7 ~~chapter 937 or any other~~ provision of this Part regulating snowmobiles recreational
8 vehicles; demand and inspect the operator's certificate of registration; and examine
9 the identification numbers of the snowmobile recreational vehicle and any marks on
10 it. For the purposes of this paragraph, "recreational vehicle" means an airmobile,
11 all-terrain vehicle, personal watercraft, snowmobile or watercraft as those terms are
12 defined in section 13001; and

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill permits a game warden to stop and question operators of recreational
15 vehicles only when there is reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe that a violation
16 of the law has occurred or is occurring.