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An Act To Amend the Fees for Snowmobile Registration

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


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway.
Cosponsored by Representatives: LAJOIE of Lewiston, SHAW of Standish, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1893, sub-§3, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 429, §1 and
3 affected by §3, is repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13002, 2nd ¶**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
5 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

6 ~~All~~ Except as provided in Title 36, section 1952-A, all taxes collected pursuant to this
7 section must be transmitted forthwith to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General
8 Fund as undedicated revenue. The Legislature shall appropriate to the department in each
9 fiscal year an amount equal to the administrative costs incurred by the department in
10 collecting revenue under this section. Those administrative costs must be verified by the
11 Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

12 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§4**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c. 129,
13 §1 and amended by c. 657, Pt. W, §§5 and 7 and PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §24, is further
14 amended to read:

15 **4. Fee.** Except as provided in subsection 5, the annual snowmobile registration fee is
16 as follows:

17 A. For residents, ~~\$40~~ \$50. The registration for a snowmobile owned by a resident is
18 valid for one year, commencing on July 1st of each year; and

19 B. For nonresidents:

20 (1) ~~Forty-three~~ Forty-nine dollars for a 3-consecutive-day registration. A person
21 may purchase more than one 3-day registration in any season; ~~and~~

22 (2) ~~Eighty-eight~~ Ninety-nine dollars for a seasonal registration; and

23 (3) Seventy-five dollars for a 7-consecutive-day registration. A person may
24 purchase more than one 7-day registration in any season.

25 The registration for a snowmobile owned by a nonresident must specify the dates for
26 which the registration is valid.

27 Five dollars from each registration fee collected pursuant to this subsection must be
28 transferred to a special fund administered by the Off-Road Vehicle Division of the
29 Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and
30 Forestry. The funds must be used to assist any entity that has a snowmobile trail
31 grooming contract with the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the purchase of trail-grooming
32 equipment. The funds also may be used for the repair or overhaul of trail-grooming
33 equipment.

34 ~~Seven~~ Seventeen dollars from each resident snowmobile registration fee must be
35 transferred to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation
36 and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

37 Six dollars from each nonresident 3-day snowmobile registration fee and \$11 from each
38 nonresident seasonal snowmobile registration fee must be transferred to the Snowmobile

1 Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks
2 and Lands.

3 **Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 548, §16, is further
4 amended to read:

5 **8. Certain motor fuels.** Sales of:

6 A. Motor fuels upon which a tax at the maximum rate for highway use pursuant to
7 Part 5 or a comparable tax of another state or a province of Canada has been paid; ~~or~~

8 B. Internal combustion engine fuel, as defined in section 2902, bought and used for
9 the purpose of propelling jet engine aircraft; ~~or~~

10 E. Diesel fuel when bought for use in off-road machinery that is used primarily to
11 groom snowmobile trails that are open to use by the public.

12 **Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §3218, last ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 390,
13 §17, is amended to read:

14 ~~All fuel~~ Fuel qualifying for a refund under this section is subject to the use tax
15 imposed by chapter 215, unless exempted under section 1760.

16 SUMMARY

17 This bill makes the following changes related to snowmobile registration and sales
18 tax on diesel fuel used in snowmobile trail-grooming machinery.

19 1. It increases the resident snowmobile registration fee from \$40 to \$50 and allocates
20 the additional \$10 to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture,
21 Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

22 2. The bill increases the 3-day nonresident snowmobile registration fee from \$43 to
23 \$49 and increases the seasonal nonresident registration from \$88 to \$99 and allocates the
24 additional revenue to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture,
25 Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

26 3. It creates a 7-day nonresident snowmobile registration with a fee of \$75.

27 4. It amends the law governing the special fuel tax to make it clear that fuel
28 qualifying for a refund under that law does not lose the sales tax exemption created in the
29 bill for diesel fuel used in snowmobile trail-grooming machinery.