

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 1252  
(Filing No. H-274)

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
129TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 913, L.D. 1252, Bill, "An Act Regarding Snowmobile Registration Fees"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

**Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF  
Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224**

Initiative: Provides allocations to make grants-in-aid to political subdivisions, educational institutions, regional planning agencies, snowmobile groups and others for the construction and maintenance of snowmobile trails and for research, development and planning of snowmobile trails.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
All Other	\$528,000	\$528,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$528,000</u>	<u>\$528,000</u>

<b>AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	\$528,000	\$528,000
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$528,000</u>	<u>\$528,000</u>

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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1 **Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537**

2 Initiative: Provides allocations for costs related to enforcement of snowmobile laws,  
3 safety or other education programs related to the operation of snowmobiles and the  
4 purchase of equipment or machinery as necessary for effective snowmobile safety and  
5 enforcement activities.

6	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
7	All Other	\$264,000	\$264,000
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9	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$264,000</u>	<u>\$264,000</u>

10	<b>INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,</b>		
11	<b>DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
12	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
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14	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$264,000</b>	<b>\$264,000</b>
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16	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$264,000</b></u>	<u><b>\$264,000</b></u>

17	<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
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19	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$792,000</b>	<b>\$792,000</b>
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21	<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$792,000</b></u>	<u><b>\$792,000</b></u>
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23 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
24 section number to read consecutively.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

27 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

28 (See attached)



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1252

LR 1788(02)

## An Act Regarding Snowmobile Registration Fees

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-274)

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$792,000	\$792,000	\$792,000	\$792,000
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$792,000	\$792,000	\$792,000	\$792,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires an additional annual snowmobile registration fee of \$30 if the registrant cannot show proof of membership in a snowmobile club in the state. For a resident family residing in the same household in the state, the \$30 additional registration fee is for up to 4 snowmobile registrations unless each family member can show proof of membership in a snowmobile club in the state. The bill directs that \$20 of each additional fee collected be deposited into the Snowmobile Trail Fund (STF) within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF), and \$10 be deposited into the Snowmobile Enforcement Fund (SEF) within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW).

The IFW has indicated that it lacks a universal method of determining snowmobile club membership for snowmobile registrations and can only estimate the number of registrants that would choose to pay the additional registration fee instead of joining a snowmobile club. Using an average of 80,000 registrations per fiscal year and the assumption that 1/3 of those registrants would choose to pay the additional fee rather than join a snowmobile club, the fee would generate an estimated \$792,000 annually starting in fiscal year 2019-20. Of this revenue, \$528,000 would accrue to the STF within the ACF and \$264,000 would accrue to the SEF within the IFW. The bill includes additional allocations of \$528,000 to the ACF starting in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$264,000 to the IFW starting in fiscal year 2019-20 to allow for the expenditure of the additional revenue collected.