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House of Representatives, March 14, 2019

### An Act Regarding Snowmobile Registration Fees

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HEAD of Bethel.  
Cosponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford and  
Representatives: DOLLOFF of Rumford, HANINGTON of Lincoln, PERKINS of Oakland,  
PRESCOTT of Waterboro.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10206, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 556, §1; PL  
3 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §§5 and 7; and PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §24, is further amended to  
4 read:

5 A. After the transfers provided in section 13104, ~~subsection~~ subsections 4 and 4-A,  
6 the snowmobile and trail-grooming equipment registration fee for residents collected  
7 under chapter 937 is credited as follows:

- 8 (1) Twenty-two percent is credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue;
- 9 (2) Fifty-two percent is credited to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the  
10 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and  
11 Lands; and
- 12 (3) Twenty-six percent is annually distributed to the municipality of the owner's  
13 residence as shown on the owner's registration certificate, except that in  
14 unorganized territory, 26% is annually distributed to the county of the owner's  
15 residence as shown on the owner's registration certificate and credited to the  
16 unorganized territory fund of that county established in Title 30-A, section 7502.

17 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10206, sub-§2, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 556, §2; PL  
18 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §§5 and 7; and PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §24, is further amended to  
19 read:

20 B. After the transfers provided in section 13104, ~~subsection~~ subsections 4 and 4-A,  
21 the snowmobile registration fee for nonresidents collected under chapter 937 is  
22 credited as follows.

- 23 (1) Eighteen percent is credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue.
- 24 (2) Seven percent is credited to the Snowmobile Enforcement Fund established  
25 under section 10258.
- 26 (3) The remainder is credited to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department  
27 of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

28 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 237, §2, is further  
29 amended to read:

30 **4. Fee.** ~~Except~~ In addition to the fee described in subsection 4-A and except as  
31 provided in subsection 5, the annual snowmobile registration fee is as follows:

32 A. For residents, \$45. The registration for a snowmobile owned by a resident is  
33 valid for one year, commencing on July 1st of each year; and

34 B. For nonresidents:

- 35 (1) Forty-nine dollars for a 3-consecutive-day registration. A person may  
36 purchase more than one 3-day registration in any season;
- 37 (2) Ninety-nine dollars for a seasonal registration; and

1 (3) Seventy-five dollars for a 10-consecutive-day registration. A person may  
2 purchase more than one 10-day registration in any season.

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

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

12 Twelve dollars from each resident snowmobile registration fee must be transferred to the  
13 Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry,  
14 Bureau of Parks and Lands.

15 Six dollars from each nonresident 3-day snowmobile registration fee, \$6 from each  
16 nonresident 10-day snowmobile registration fee and \$11 from each nonresident seasonal  
17 snowmobile registration fee must be transferred to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the  
18 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

19 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

20 **4-A. Additional fee.** In addition to the annual registration fee described in  
21 subsection 4 and except as provided in subsection 5, the annual additional snowmobile  
22 registration fee, to be paid at the same time as the annual registration fee, is as follows:

23 A. For a resident, \$30, unless the resident can show proof of membership in a  
24 snowmobile club in the State;

25 B. For a resident family residing in the same household, \$30 for up to 4  
26 snowmobiles, unless each member of the family can show proof of membership in a  
27 snowmobile club in the State; and

28 C. For nonresidents, \$30, unless the nonresident can show proof of membership in a  
29 snowmobile club in the State.

30 Twenty dollars from each fee collected pursuant to this subsection must be transferred to  
31 the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry,  
32 Bureau of Parks and Lands.

33 Ten dollars from each fee collected pursuant to this subsection must be transferred to the  
34 Snowmobile Enforcement Fund established in section 10258.

35 For purposes of this subsection, "family" includes a spouse, child, stepchild, grandchild,  
36 parent, grandparent, stepparent, brother, sister, half-sister, half-brother or adopted child.

37 **SUMMARY**

38 This bill requires an annual additional \$30 snowmobile registration fee, unless the  
39 registrant can show proof of membership in a snowmobile club in the State. It specifies

1 that for a resident family residing in the same household the additional fee is \$30 for up  
2 to 4 snowmobiles. Lastly, it requires the transfer of \$20 collected from this additional fee  
3 to the Snowmobile Trail Fund and the transfer of \$10 collected from this additional fee to  
4 the Snowmobile Enforcement Fund.