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**An Act To Extend Electronic Proof of Registration to All-terrain
Vehicles, Snowmobiles and Watercraft**

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LANDRY of Farmington.
Cosponsored by Representative: THERIAULT of China.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13056, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. OO, §13,
3 is further amended to read:

4 **1-A. Operating without certificate of number.** Except as provided in paragraph A,
5 a person may not operate or give permission to operate a motorboat requiring a certificate
6 of number without a current certificate of number or a current temporary certificate of
7 number. Only the certificate of number or temporary certificate of number as issued by the
8 commissioner is valid. A Except as provided in subsection 12, paragraph A, a facsimile or
9 copy of the certificate is not valid.

10 A. The certificate of number for a watercraft less than 26 feet in length and leased or
11 rented to another for the latter's noncommercial use may be retained on shore by the
12 owner of the watercraft or the owner's representative at the place where the watercraft
13 departs or returns to the possession of the owner or the owner's representative, as long
14 as the person leasing or renting the watercraft has a copy of the lease or rental
15 agreement that shows the watercraft number thereon and the period of time for which
16 the watercraft is leased or rented and that is signed by the owner or the owner's
17 representative.

18 B. The following penalties apply to violations of this subsection.

19 (1) A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a
20 fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

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

24 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13056, sub-§12, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2
25 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

26 A. The operator shall have the certificate of number available for inspection on the
27 motorboat for which it was issued whenever the motorboat is in operation. The
28 operator may have the certificate of number available for inspection in electronic form
29 on the motorboat for which it was issued.

30 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§12-A, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 651, §18,
31 is further amended to read:

32 A. A person shall:

33 (1) Provide a registration certificate or an online registration receipt for inspection
34 by any law enforcement officer on demand. A person may provide a registration
35 certificate or an online registration receipt in electronic form; and

36 (2) Display a registration number assigned to a snowmobile in such form and
37 manner as the commissioner may determine, except that an antique snowmobile is
38 not required to display registration numbers. A person may operate a snowmobile
39 registered online without displaying a registration number until that person
40 receives the registration certificate from the department or for 30 days after
41 registering the snowmobile online, whichever occurs first.

