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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
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131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 290, L D 732, "An Act to Prohibit Off-trail Operation of a Snowmobile in an Area Closed to Off-trail Operation"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13106-A, sub-§27 is enacted to read

27. Operating snowmobile in posted area. A person may not operate a snowmobile off a snowmobile trail identified by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands as having been funded by the Snowmobile Trail Fund pursuant to section 1893, subsection 3 if the trail is posted as being closed to off-trail snowmobile operation and the operator has not obtained the permission of the applicable landowner or landowner's representative. For purposes of this subsection, "posted" means containing signage that is reasonably likely to come to the attention of a person operating a snowmobile that indicates that off-trail snowmobiling is prohibited and that is placed by the landowner, the landowner's representative, a local snowmobile club trail master serving as the landowner's representative, a local snowmobile club representative or an employee of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

A A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 may be adjudged.

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

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment limits the bill's application to a snowmobile trail identified by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands as having been funded by the Snowmobile Trail Fund. The amendment also defines "posted" for the purposes of the provision.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 732

LR 290(02)

An Act to Prohibit Off-trail Operation of a Snowmobile in an Area Closed to Off-trail Operation

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-135)

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class E crime

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time

The collection of additional fine revenue associated with prohibiting snowmobile operation in an area that is closed to off-trail operation will increase General Fund and dedicated revenue by minor amounts

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from the provisions in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources