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person may not operate trail-grooming equipment on a snowmobile trail that is financed in whole or in part by the Snowmobile Trail Fund unless that trail-grooming equipment is registered in accordance with this section.

A. A registration is not required for trailgrooming equipment operated on land on which the owner lives or on land on which the owner is domiciled, if the trail-grooming equipment is not operated elsewhere within the jurisdiction of this State.

B. A registration is not required for trailgrooming equipment operated by a commercial ski area for the purpose of packing snow or for rescue operation, unless the trail-grooming equipment is required to cross a public way during that operation.

C. Trail-grooming equipment owned and operated by the Federal Government, the State or a political subdivision of the State is exempt from registration fees, but must be registered and is required to display the registration.

3. Application and issuance. The commissioner may register trail-grooming equipment upon application by the owner if the owner is an organization that has an approved contract for snowmobile trail grooming with the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands, Off-Road Vehicle Division or a person that can provide proof to the department at the time of application that the person is a member of an organization eligible to register trailgrooming equipment under this section. The commissioner may establish procedures necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

4. Form of registration. The trail-grooming equipment registration must be in such form as the commissioner may determine.

5. Fee. The registration fee for trail-grooming equipment is a one-time fee of \$33. The registration fee is valid from the date of issuance until the date that the equipment is sold or transferred. Revenue from the registration fee is allocated according to section 10206, subsection 2, paragraph A.

6. Fraudulent acquisition of trail-grooming registration. A person may not obtain a trailgrooming equipment registration through fraud, misstatement or misrepresentation.

7. Penalty. The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

A. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

B. A person who violates this section 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.

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CHAPTER 94

S.P. 317 - L.D. 942

An Act To Prohibit Shooting Wild Turkey Decoys

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11213-A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §145 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

§11213-A. Shooting at or near decoys

1. Shooting at or near migratory waterfowl or wild turkey decoys. A person may not with a firearm, a bow and arrow or a crossbow shoot or shoot at a wildfowl migratory waterfowl or wild turkey decoy of another person.

A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor 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.

2. Shoot within area of another person's decoys. A person may not with a firearm, a bow and arrow or a crossbow shoot within an area encompassed by a set of another person's wildfowl migratory waterfowl or wild turkey decoys, including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor 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.

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