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- 3. Compensation. Advisory council members are entitled to reasonable expenses as provided in Title 5, chapter 379, as approved by the director.
- **4. Duties.** The advisory council shall provide to the director advice and information on the management of the ATV Recreational Management Fund, including, but not limited to:
 - A. The annual establishment of reimbursement rates for ATV club trail grants, municipal ATV trail grants and capital equipment grants; and
 - B. Expenditures that are over \$30,000 for ATV activities pursuant to section 1893 and are not part of the regular grant program.
- 5. Chair; vice-chair. The advisory council shall, during its initial meeting, elect one of its appointed members as chair and one of its appointed members as vice-chair for one-year terms.
- **6. Meetings.** The advisory council shall hold meetings in April and September. The advisory council may also meet at other times at the call of the chair or the director or the director's designee.
- 7. Public meetings; public comment. All meetings of the advisory council are open to the public and must be held in a location that is convenient for public access. Public comment must be accepted at meetings of the advisory council. Comments may be restricted to subjects before the advisory council at the meeting and consistent with any applicable requirements and limitations of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.
- **8.** Public notice. Public notice of all advisory council meetings must be in accordance with Title 1, section 406.
- Sec. 3. Special duties of ATV Trail Advisory Council. The ATV Trail Advisory Council shall study the following ATV-related issues and report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by February 1, 2006. The ATV Trail Advisory Council shall:
- 1. Study the feasibility of establishing an ATV trail pass and provide suggested legislation for a trail pass system;
- 2. Review property access laws and land use issues regarding the operation of ATVs on private property;
- 3. Review the State's current age restrictions on the operation of ATVs and determine if those age restrictions must be modified; and

- 4. Review the recommendations of the Governor's ATV Task Force report that have not already been enacted by the Legislature and determine if it is economically feasible to implement any of those remaining recommendations.
- Sec. 4. Temporary members of ATV Trail Advisory Council. Until February 1, 2006, the ATV Trail Advisory Council includes 2 additional members who represent the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. These members are entitled to compensation as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 1893-C, subsection 3.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective May 20, 2005.

CHAPTER 187

H.P. 862 - L.D. 1244

An Act To Clarify the Municipal Responsibility To Provide Assessing Information to Property Owners

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §711, as amended by PL 1977, c. 509, §§14 and 15, is further amended to read:

§711. Assessment record

The assessors or, in primary assessing areas, the municipal officers shall make a record of their assessment and of the invoice and valuation from which it was made. Before the taxes are committed to the officer for collection, they shall deposit such record, or a copy of it, in the assessor's office, or, in the case of a primary assessing area, with the municipal clerk, there to remain. Any place where the assessors usually meet to transact business and keep their papers or books shall be is considered their office. An assessor, the municipal officers or any other municipal official with custodial authority over the assessing records shall make the entire assessing record related to any taxable property within the municipality available to the owner of that property upon request in a timely manner.

See title page for effective date.