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LD 280 An Act To Increase Funding for Snowmobile Trails and Capital Equipment Grants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 104 changes the resident and nonresident registration fees for snowmobiles and uses the increased fees to help fund the Snowmobile Trail Fund, the fund responsible for capital equipment grants and the Snowmobile Enforcement Fund.

The fee for resident snowmobile registrations is increased by \$10.

The fee for nonresident snowmobile registrations is increased from \$49 to \$74 for a three-day registration, from \$75 to \$99 for a 10-day registration and from \$99 to \$119 for a seasonal registration.

Ten dollars from resident registration fees, a \$5 increase, and \$15 from nonresident registration fees, a \$10 increase, must be transferred to the fund used for capital equipment grants.

The portion of the resident registration fee allocated to the Snowmobile Trail Fund is increased by \$5 from \$12 to \$17. The portion of the nonresident registration fees allocated to the Snowmobile Trail Fund is increased by \$10, from \$6 to \$16 for each three-day and 10-day registration and from \$11 to \$21 for each seasonal registration.

Public Law 2021, chapter 104 also requires \$5 from the three-day and 10-day nonresident registration fees be transferred to the Snowmobile Enforcement Fund established in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service.

LD 309 An Act Relating to Hunters Required To Hire Guides

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 87 reenacts the substance of a provision of law that was enacted in 2009 and later repealed. The law requires a nonresident who is not a citizen of the United States and is a resident of the Canadian province of New Brunswick or Quebec to be accompanied by a licensed guide when hunting in Maine. It provides an exception for such a person who owns or leases land in the State, is current on property taxes assessed for that land and keeps that land open for hunting by the public. If these conditions are met, the person and the person's family members may be authorized to hunt without a guide.