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to provide information about oversized ATVs to any person purchasing one. Dealers must provide a form developed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife providing the necessary information and the form must include a place for the purchaser to acknowledge receipt of the form so that the dealer has a record of compliance.

5. It requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop and make available an education component for ATV owners and ATV registration agents regarding the operation and registration of oversized ATVs, including guidance regarding which ATVs are considered oversized ATVs, under which conditions oversized ATVs may be registered and where oversized ATVs may be operated.
6. It clarifies landowner and lessee rights to limit use of ATVs on designated state-approved ATV trails on their land, including limiting the type, size and weight of ATVs permitted. It also provides that operators of ATVs, including oversized ATVs, on designated state-approved all-terrain vehicle trails must adhere to limitations imposed by landowners, lessees and the State.

LD 1474 An Act To Promote Outdoor Recreational Opportunities for Maine Students

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 162 creates an outdoor educational trip leader permit program. A person who obtains an outdoor educational trip leader permit may lead an educational or recreational outdoor trip conducted by an educational institution that includes nonmotorized boating or camping at a primitive camping area but does not include fishing, hunting, trapping or the use of snowmobiles, motorboats or all-terrain vehicles.

Public Law 2021, chapter 162 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to implement the new program, including establishing an advisory committee to advise the commissioner on the program. A person who is not a licensed guide who conducts an outdoor educational trip without an educational trip leader permit is subject to a civil penalty. However, schools currently conducting such trips as part of their programming have until October 1, 2022 to comply with the new permit process.

Public Law 2021, chapter 162 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 11, 2021.