

PLEASE NOTE: Legislative Information **cannot** perform research, provide legal advice, or interpret Maine law. For legal assistance, please contact a qualified attorney.

An Act To Change Snowmobile Registration Requirements

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2005, c. 1, §1, is further amended to read:

C. Snowmobiles owned and operated in this State by the Federal Government, the State or a political subdivision of the State are exempt from registration fees ~~but must be registered and required to display numbers.~~

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

2. Application and issuance. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee may register ~~and assign a registration number to all~~ snowmobiles upon application and payment of a registration fee by the owner. The commissioner shall charge a fee of \$1 for each registration issued by department employees.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§10, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

C. If there is a change of ownership of a snowmobile for which a registration has previously been issued, the new owner shall apply for a new registration, ~~shall set forth the original number in the application~~ and shall pay the regular fee for the particular snowmobile involved.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§12-A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §389 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

12-A. Registration certificate; inspection and display. The following provisions apply to registration certificates ~~and numbers.~~

A. A person shall:

(1) Provide a registration certificate for inspection by any law enforcement officer on demand; ~~and.~~

(2) ~~Display a registration number assigned to a snowmobile in such form and manner as the commissioner may determine, except that an antique snowmobile is not required to display registration numbers.~~

B. The following penalties apply to violations of this subsection.

(1) 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.

(2) 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.

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §13106-B, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 436, §6, is amended to read:

2. Provide information to injured party. The operator or a person acting on behalf of the operator of a snowmobile involved in an accident shall provide to an injured person or the operator or an occupant of any other snowmobile involved in the accident:

A. The operator's name and address; ~~and~~

B. ~~The registration number of the operator's snowmobile.~~

SUMMARY

This bill streamlines snowmobile registration by eliminating the current use of permanent registration numbers.