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**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 631, L.D. 1547, “An Act to Use a Portion of the Sales Tax on Snowmobiles to Fund Maine's Snowmobile Trail Programs”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Fund Maine's Snowmobile Trail Programs'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1893, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. B, §21 and affected by c. 614, §9, is further amended to read:

A. Within available funds, the snowmobile program shall develop and maintain snowmobile trails and provide educational and informational materials for the use of operators of snowmobiles. The bureau may charge a reasonable fee for such services and materials when the money credited to it under chapter 937 is insufficient to satisfy the demand for those services and materials. All fees collected must be deposited in the bureau's Snowmobile Trail Fund. The bureau shall administer the Snowmobile Trail Fund, and the snowmobile program's other activities must be conducted pursuant to subsection 3. The Snowmobile Trail Fund receives funding as provided in section 10206, subsection 2-A, chapter 937 and Title 36, section 2903-D, subsection 2.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10206, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 556, §1; PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §§5 and 7; and PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §24, is further amended to read:

A. After the transfers provided in ~~section 13104, subsection 4~~ subsection 2-A, the snowmobile and trail-grooming equipment registration fee for residents collected under chapter 937 is credited as follows:

- (1) Twenty-two percent is credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue;
- (2) Fifty-two percent is credited to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands; and

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1 (3) Twenty-six percent is annually distributed to the municipality of the owner's  
2 residence as shown on the owner's registration certificate, except that in  
3 unorganized territory, 26% is annually distributed to the county of the owner's  
4 residence as shown on the owner's registration certificate and credited to the  
5 unorganized territory fund of that county established in Title 30-A, section 7502.

6 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10206, sub-§2, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 556, §2; PL  
7 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §§5 and 7; and PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §24, is further amended to read:

8 B. After the transfers provided in ~~section 13104, subsection 4~~ subsection 2-A, the  
9 snowmobile registration fee for nonresidents collected under chapter 937 is credited as  
10 follows.

11 (1) Eighteen percent is credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue.

12 (2) Seven percent is credited to the Snowmobile Enforcement Fund established  
13 under section 10258.

14 (3) The remainder is credited to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of  
15 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

16 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §10206, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

17 **2-A. Distribution of revenue from snowmobile registrations.** Revenues received  
18 for snowmobile registration fees must be disbursed and used as follows.

19 A. The snowmobile registration fee for residents collected under section 13104,  
20 subsection 4, paragraph A is credited as follows:

21 (1) For registrations issued July 1st to December 15th of each year, \$17 must be  
22 transferred to the Snowmobile Trail Fund;

23 (2) For registrations issued July 1st to December 15th of each year, \$10 must be  
24 transferred to a special fund administered by the Off-road Recreational Vehicle  
25 Office;

26 (3) For registrations issued December 16th of each year to June 30th of the  
27 following year, \$30 must be transferred to the Snowmobile Trail Fund; and

28 (4) For registrations issued December 16th of each year to June 30th of the  
29 following year, \$12 must be transferred to a special fund administered by the Off-  
30 road Recreational Vehicle Office.

31 B. The snowmobile registration fee for nonresidents collected under section 13104,  
32 subsection 4, paragraph B is credited as follows:

33 (1) For registrations issued July 1st to December 15th of each year, \$21 from each  
34 seasonal registration fee must be transferred to the Snowmobile Trail Fund;

35 (2) For registrations issued July 1st to December 15th of each year, \$15 from each  
36 seasonal registration fee must be transferred to a special fund administered by the  
37 Off-road Recreational Vehicle Office;

38 (3) For registrations issued December 16th of each year to June 30th of the  
39 following year, \$47 from each seasonal registration fee must be transferred to the  
40 Snowmobile Trail Fund;

1           (4) For registrations issued December 16th of each year to June 30th of the  
2           following year, \$20 from each seasonal registration fee must be transferred to a  
3           special fund administered by the Off-road Recreational Vehicle Office;

4           (5) Five dollars from each 3-consecutive-day registration fee and 10-consecutive-  
5           day registration fee must be transferred to the Snowmobile Enforcement Fund  
6           established under section 10258; and

7           (6) Fifty-one dollars from each 3-consecutive-day registration fee and \$51 from  
8           each 10-consecutive-day registration fee must be transferred to the Department of  
9           Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and credited in the following manner: \$33  
10          must be transferred to the Snowmobile Trail Fund and \$18 must be transferred to  
11          a special fund administered by the Off-road Recreational Vehicle Office.

12          For purposes of this subsection, "Snowmobile Trail Fund" means the Snowmobile Trail  
13          Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and  
14          Lands as described in section 1893, subsection 1 and "Off-road Recreational Vehicle  
15          Office" means the office established under section 1893.

16          Funds transferred to a special fund administered by the Off-road Recreational Vehicle  
17          Office pursuant to this subsection must be used to assist an entity that has a snowmobile  
18          trail grooming contract with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry,  
19          Bureau of Parks and Lands in the purchase of trail-grooming equipment. The funds may  
20          also be used for the repair or overhaul of trail-grooming equipment.

21          **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§4**, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. A, §9, is  
22          amended to read:

23          **4. Fee.** Except as provided in subsection 5, the annual snowmobile registration fee is  
24          as follows:

25           A. For residents, for registrations issued July 1st to December 15th of each year, \$55;  
26           for registrations issued December 16th of each year to June 30th of the following year,  
27           \$70. The registration for a snowmobile owned by a resident is valid for one year,  
28           commencing on July 1st of each year; and

29           B. For nonresidents:

30           (1) ~~Seventy-four~~ Ninety-four dollars for a 3-consecutive-day registration. A  
31           person may purchase more than one 3-day registration in any season;

32           (2) ~~One hundred and nineteen dollars~~ For registrations issued July 1st to December  
33           15th of each year, \$119; for registrations issued December 16th of each year to  
34           June 30th of the following year, \$150 for a seasonal registration; and

35           (3) ~~Ninety-nine~~ One hundred nineteen dollars for a 10-consecutive-day  
36           registration. A person may purchase more than one 10-day registration in any  
37           season.

38           The registration for a snowmobile owned by a nonresident must specify the dates for  
39           which the registration is valid.

40          ~~Ten dollars from each resident registration fee and \$15 from each nonresident registration~~  
41          ~~fee collected pursuant to this subsection must be transferred to a special fund administered~~  
42          ~~by the Off-Road Vehicle Division of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department~~

1 of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The funds must be used to assist any entity that  
2 has a snowmobile trail grooming contract with the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the  
3 purchase of trail grooming equipment. The funds also may be used for the repair or  
4 overhaul of trail grooming equipment.

5 Seventeen dollars from each resident snowmobile registration fee must be transferred to  
6 the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry,  
7 Bureau of Parks and Lands.

8 Sixteen dollars from each nonresident 3-day snowmobile registration fee, \$16 from each  
9 nonresident 10-day snowmobile registration fee and \$21 from each nonresident seasonal  
10 snowmobile registration fee must be transferred to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the  
11 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

12 Five dollars from each nonresident 3-day snowmobile registration fee and 10-day  
13 snowmobile registration fee must be transferred to the Snowmobile Enforcement Fund  
14 established under section 10258.

15 **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

16 **4-A. Review of snowmobile registration fees and trail maintenance needs.** In  
17 consultation with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the  
18 department shall review snowmobile registration fees and maintenance needs of designated  
19 state-approved snowmobile trails in 2028 and 2029 and every 2 years thereafter. The  
20 commissioner shall report the findings and recommendations from the review to the joint  
21 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife  
22 matters by February 1st each year a review is required. The committee may report out  
23 legislation related to snowmobile registration fees and maintenance needs of snowmobile  
24 trails to the session of the Legislature in which the report is received.

25 **Sec. 7. 36 MRSA §2903-D, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 668, §1, is  
26 further amended to read:

27 A. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife receives 13.41% of that  
28 amount, to be used by the commissioner for the purposes set forth in Title 12, section  
29 1893, subsection 3, section 10206, subsection subsections 2 and 2-A, section 13104,  
30 subsections 2 to 10 and section 13105, subsection 1; and

31 **Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
32 allocations are made.

33 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**  
34 **Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224**

35 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the programming and information technology  
36 costs associated with changes to the snowmobile registration system.

37	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
38	All Other	\$0	\$230,768
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40	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$230,768

41 **Sec. 9. Effective date.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2027.'

1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
2 number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment replaces the bill, changes the title and does the following.

5 1. Currently, the annual snowmobile registration fee for a resident is \$55. The  
6 amendment increases the registration fee for a registration issued December 16th of each  
7 year to June 30th of the following year to \$70.

8 2. Currently, the seasonal registration fee for a nonresident is \$119. The amendment  
9 increases the registration fee for a registration issued December 16th of each year to June  
10 30th of the following year to \$150.

11 3. The amendment also increases the nonresident 3-consecutive-day registration fee  
12 from \$74 to \$94 and the nonresident 10-consecutive-day registration fee from \$99 to \$119.

13 4. The amendment also requires that snowmobile registration fees collected December  
14 16th of each year to June 30th of the following year must be transferred to the Department  
15 of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The amendment specifies how the funds must  
16 be allocated, with a portion of the funds allocated to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the  
17 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands and a  
18 portion of the funds allocated to a special fund administered by the Off-road Recreational  
19 Vehicle Office of the bureau.

20 5. The amendment provides an effective date of July 1, 2027 for these changes.

21 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

22 **(See attached)**