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An Act to Provide Funding to Maintain All-terrain Vehicle Trails

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HALL of Wilton.

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

- **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1893, sub-§2, ¶A,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 215, §3, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (6-A) to read:
 - (6-A) Distributing, as described in section 13155, subsection 5, the funds to municipalities and unorganized territories to be used for the purposes of maintaining ATV trails located within those municipalities and unorganized territories;
- **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13155, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 215, §7 and affected by §15, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

Thirty-seven dollars of each fee collected pursuant to this subsection must be deposited in the ATV Recreational Management Fund established in section 1893, subsection 2 and must be used to maintain designated state-approved ATV trails, except that 20% of the funds deposited pursuant to this paragraph must be annually distributed to the municipality of the ATV owner's residence as shown on the owner's registration certificate, or, if the owner's residence as shown on the certificate is within unorganized territory, to the unorganized territory fund of the county of the owner's residence established in Title 30-A, section 7502, to be used for the purposes described in section 1893, subsection 2, paragraph A, subparagraph (6-A).

19 SUMMARY

This bill requires that a percentage of funds collected from all-terrain vehicle registration fees under current law be allocated to the municipality or unorganized territory of the all-terrain vehicle owner's address as shown on the owner's registration certificate for the purpose of maintaining all-terrain vehicle trails located within that municipality or unorganized territory.