



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-2025

Legislative Document

No. 1565

H.P. 1023

House of Representatives, April 10, 2025

An Act to Allow the Use of Certain All-terrain Vehicles on Snowmobile Trails

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HYMES of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13107, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

A person may not operate any 4-wheel-drive vehicle, dune buggy, all-terrain vehicle, motorcycle or any other motor vehicle, other than a snowmobile and appurtenant equipment or an ATV equipped with snow tracks registered with an endorsement sticker purchased pursuant to section 13155, subsection 13, on snowmobile trails that are financed in whole or in part with funds from the Snowmobile Trail Fund, unless that use has been authorized by the landowner or the landowner's agent, or unless the use is necessitated by an emergency involving safety of persons or property.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13155, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

13. Endorsement stickers. When registering an ATV in accordance with subsection 3, the commissioner, or an agent designated by the commissioner, may issue an endorsement to an ATV registration that authorizes a person to operate the person's ATV on snowmobile trails in the State if the ATV is equipped with snow tracks. The commissioner shall charge a fee of \$25 for the endorsement in the form of stickers that must be affixed to the front and rear of the ATV next to the registration number.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that when registering an all-terrain vehicle, a person may purchase an endorsement for \$25 that allows them to switch between tires and snow tracks for the registration period to operate on snowmobile trails in the State. The endorsement is in the form of stickers, which must be displayed on the front and back of the ATV next to the registration number.