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House of Representatives, May 11, 2023

An Act to Provide for Enforcement of Snowmobile and All-terrain Vehicle Laws

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 DUNPHY of Embden. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, HALL of Wilton, JACKSON of Oxford,
POMERLEAU of Standish.

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

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

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

6 A. For residents, ~~\$55~~ \$65. The registration for a snowmobile owned by a resident is
7 valid for one year, commencing on July 1st of each year; and

8 B. For nonresidents:

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

11 (2) ~~One hundred and nineteen~~ twenty-nine dollars for a seasonal registration; and

12 (3) ~~Ninety-nine~~ One hundred and nine dollars for a 10-consecutive-day
13 registration. A person may purchase more than one 10-day registration in any
14 season.

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

17 Ten dollars from each resident registration fee and \$15 from each nonresident registration
18 fee collected pursuant to this subsection must be transferred to a special fund administered
19 by the Off-Road Vehicle Division of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department
20 of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The funds must be used to assist any entity that
21 has a snowmobile trail grooming contract with the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the
22 purchase of trail-grooming equipment. The funds also may be used for the repair or
23 overhaul of trail-grooming equipment.

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

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

31 ~~Five~~ Fifteen dollars from each nonresident 3-day snowmobile registration fee and 10-day
32 snowmobile registration fee, \$10 from each nonresident seasonal snowmobile registration
33 fee and \$10 from each resident snowmobile registration fee must be transferred to the
34 Snowmobile Enforcement Fund established under section 10258.

35 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13155, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 215, §7 and affected
36 by §15, is further amended to read:

37 **5. Fees.** The ATV registration fee is:

38 A. For a resident, ~~\$70~~ \$80 annually. The registration for an ATV owned by a resident
39 is valid for one year, beginning on July 1st of each year; and

40 B. For a nonresident:

1 (1) One hundred and ten dollars for a registration valid for 7 consecutive days. A
2 person may purchase more than one 7-day registration in any season; and

3 (2) One hundred ~~fifteen~~ and twenty-five dollars for a registration valid for one
4 year.

5 The registration for an ATV owned by a nonresident must specify the dates for which
6 the registration is valid.

7 Thirty-seven dollars of each fee collected pursuant to this subsection must be deposited in
8 the ATV Recreational Management Fund established in section 1893, subsection 2 and
9 must be used to maintain designated state-approved ATV trails.

10 Ten dollars of each fee collected pursuant to paragraph A and \$20 of each fee collected
11 pursuant to paragraph B must be deposited in the ATV Enforcement Fund established in
12 section 10267.

13 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
14 allocations are made.

15 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF**
16 **ATV Enforcement Fund Z276**

17 Initiative: Provides allocation for the purchase of 16 law enforcement all-terrain vehicles
18 for use in department enforcement activities.

19	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
20	Capital Expenditures	\$368,000	\$368,000
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22	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$368,000</u>	<u>\$368,000</u>

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill increases registration fees for snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles by \$10 and
25 dedicates the additional revenue to the Snowmobile Enforcement Fund and the ATV
26 Enforcement Fund, respectively. It provides an allocation for the purchase of 16 law
27 enforcement all-terrain vehicles for use by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
28 for enforcement activities.