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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 195, L.D. 505, “Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Conduct an Internal Review of the Snowmobile Trail Fund”

Amend the resolve in section 1 by striking out all of subsections 1 to 6 (page 2, lines 7 to 32 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

- '1. A review and documentation of the allocation of funds to the fund and the amount of funds carried forward in the fund from one fiscal year to the next. The review must include a written explanation as to why those funds were carried forward. The review must also propose written criteria, to be applied prospectively, that justifies the conditions under which funds may be carried forward into a subsequent fiscal year;
- 2. The development of a quarterly reporting system detailing the revenue to and expenditures from the fund, including all nongrant expenditures, and a recommendation that the reports be submitted quarterly to interested parties. The commissioner shall also develop an annual reporting system on the finances and operations of the Snowmobile Trail Fund program for the submission to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters;
- 3. The development of a written policy for distributing funds from the fund to municipalities and snowmobile clubs that ensures, to the fullest extent possible, that the funds are distributed in an equitable manner, and the development of an educational program to ensure that grantees are properly trained in grant policies and procedures; and
- 4. The development of a plan for the elimination of state-administered snowmobile trail grooming projects; and be it further'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry regarding the internal review of the Snowmobile Trail Fund required by the resolve. The amendment requires that the review include a written explanation of reasons funds are carried forward from one fiscal year to the next. It

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1 requires the development of a quarterly reporting system detailing the revenue to and
2 expenditures from the fund, and a recommendation that reports be submitted quarterly to
3 interested parties. The amendment requires the commissioner to develop an annual report
4 on the finances and operations of the fund for submission to the joint standing committee
5 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters.
6 It also requires development of a written policy for distributing funds from the
7 Snowmobile Trail Fund. The amendment requires the department to develop an
8 educational program for grantees and to develop a plan to eliminate state-administered
9 trail-grooming projects.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)