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Testimony of Representative Daniel Newman in support of

LD 296, "An Act to Ensure Municipalities Receive a Higher Percentage of All-terrain Vehicle Registration Fees to Cover Increased Expenses".

Good Afternoon, Senator LaFountain, Representative Landry and esteemed members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. My name is Representative Daniel Newman and I represent District 58, which includes Belgrade, Rome, Fayette, Mount Vernon, Vienna, and New Sharon. I am here before you today to present: **LD 296, "An Act to Ensure Municipalities Receive a Higher Percentage of All-terrain Vehicle Registration Fees to Cover Increased Expenses".**

This issue was brought to my attention when the ATV fees increased substantially last session.

Over the past few years the expense to the towns to register all types of vehicles has increased due to labor, and printing costs.

If it takes at least ten minutes to register an ATV, boat, camper or any other type of vehicle, and the average salary is at least \$22.00 plus benefits with some municipalities paying substantially more than that, it costs the town about \$4.75 in 10 min for the labor costs. After that you have to add printing, and building overhead costs so as you can see what the town recoups does not come close to the actual cost to the town.

What I was looking for in this bill wasn't exactly what I received out of the Revisor's Office, what I was hoping for was an across the board increase to the municipalities to help cover costs associated with registration fees.

Thank you for your consideration.

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