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### Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

#### In Opposition to

#### *LD 1439 - An Act To Clarify All-terrain Vehicle Registration Requirements and Establish Regular Maintenance of Designated State-approved All-terrain Vehicle Trails*

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Senator Dill, Representative Landry and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, my name is Rebecca Graham, and I am submitting testimony in opposition to LD 1439 on behalf of MMA at the direction of our 70 member Legislative Policy Committee.

Municipal officials have no objection with investment in an appropriate trail system for all-terrain vehicles. Officials often field complaints from neighbors of operators regarding noise, or operation on appropriate trails from their residents and feel an expanded trail system specifically for these vehicles would provide operators with an appropriate alternative to enjoy this recreational opportunity without complaint.

Municipal officials are opposed to the requirement for municipal clerks, acting as agents collecting fees, to explain orally and in writing the size and weight restrictions for registering that all-terrain vehicle and provisions of the law regarding the use of all-terrain vehicles on designated state-approved all-terrain vehicle trails. As this expands the services on a local unit of government and expects a level of expertise from municipal clerks not associated with normal duties if this process becomes too complicated or expensive municipal officials will opt-out or providing the service.

If this committee moves forward with this proposal, members may want to consider an amendment that funds also be used to provide a public information campaign not only detailing why the increases are necessary for the consumer, but also provided the information require of agents proposed in Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §13155, sub-§3. Municipal officials often bear the brunt of anger from constituents when there is a significant increase in registration fees.

For these reasons, municipal officials are opposed to LD 1439 as drafted.