



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 1788(01)

An Act Regarding Snowmobile Registration Fees

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Head of Bethel

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$792,000	\$792,000	\$792,000	\$792,000
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$792,000	\$792,000	\$792,000	\$792,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires an additional annual snowmobile registration fee of \$30 if the registrant cannot show proof of membership in a snowmobile club in the state. For a resident family residing in the same household in the state, the \$30 additional registration fee is for up to 4 snowmobile registrations unless each family member can show proof of membership in a snowmobile club in the state. The bill would direct that \$20 of each additional fee collected be deposited into the Snowmobile Trail Fund (STF) within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF), and \$10 be deposited into the Snowmobile Enforcement Fund (SEF) within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW).

The IFW has indicated that it lacks a universal method of determining snowmobile club membership for snowmobile registrations and can only estimate the number of registrants that would choose to pay the additional registration fee instead of joining a snowmobile club. Using an average of 80,000 registrations per fiscal year and the assumption that 1/3 of those registrants would choose to pay the additional fee rather than join a snowmobile club, the fee would generate an estimated \$792,000 annually starting in fiscal year 2019-20. Of this revenue, \$528,000 would accrue to the STF within the ACF and \$264,000 would accrue to the SEF within the IFW. The ACF will require additional allocations of \$528,000 starting in fiscal year 2019-20 and the IFW would require additional allocations of \$264,000 starting in fiscal year 2019-20 to allow for the expenditure of the additional revenue collected.