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An Act To Fund Maine's Recreational Trails

Reported by Representative NADEAU of Winslow for the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 35, section 1.

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1893, sub-§1, ¶C** is enacted to read:

3 C. The bureau shall use funds in the ATV Recreational Management Fund under
4 subsection 2 to ensure that maintenance of designated state-approved ATV trails
5 occurs annually and to adopt and use best practices of motorized trail construction
6 during construction and maintenance of designated state-approved ATV trails. The
7 bureau shall adopt rules that establish a procedure to prioritize the bureau's
8 maintenance of designated state-approved ATV trails. Rules adopted pursuant to this
9 subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
10 2-A.

11 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13155, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 75, §3, is further
12 amended to read:

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

14 A. For a resident, ~~\$45~~ \$70 annually. The registration for an ATV owned by a
15 resident is valid for one year, beginning on July 1st of each year; and

16 B. For a nonresident:

17 (1) ~~Seventy-five~~ One hundred dollars for a registration valid for 7 consecutive
18 days. A person may purchase more than one 7-day registration in any season;
19 and

20 (2) ~~Ninety~~ One hundred fifteen dollars for a registration valid for one year.

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

23 ~~Twelve dollars of each fee~~ In addition to funds collected under section 10206, \$37 from a
24 resident registration collected pursuant to this subsection must be deposited in the ATV
25 Recreational Management Fund established in and must be used to maintain designated
26 state-approved ATV trails in accordance with section 1893, subsection 2.

27 ~~Ten dollars~~ In addition to funds collected under section 10206, \$10 of each fee collected
28 pursuant to paragraph B must be deposited in the ATV Enforcement Fund established in
29 section 10267.

30 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised
31 Statutes, Title 12, section 13155, subsection 5 takes effect May 1, 2021.

32 SUMMARY

33 This bill is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and
34 Wildlife pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 35, section 1. The bill increases the
35 registration fees for all-terrain vehicles by \$25 for each type of registration. The bill
36 provides that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks
37 and Lands must use the registration fees deposited into the ATV Recreational

- 1 Management Fund to oversee construction and maintenance of designated state-approved
- 2 all-terrain vehicle trails.