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An Act Regarding All-terrain Vehicle Registration

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13155, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. III, §43, is further amended to read:

5. Fees. The annual registration fee for an ATV is ~~\$33~~\$70 for a resident and ~~\$68~~\$105 for a nonresident, except that the resident fee is \$30 and the nonresident fee is \$65 for a person who documents at the time of registration that person's current membership in an eligible ATV club that is in good standing with the Secretary of State and recognized by the Department of Conservation as maintaining ATV trails for the public. For purposes of this subsection, "eligible ATV club" means a nonprofit organization located in the State established and maintained primarily for purposes involving ATVs and that charges no more than \$20 for an individual membership and \$25 for a family membership.

Sec. 2. Report. The Department of Conservation, in conjunction with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters their findings and recommendations regarding the implementation and enforcement of the reduced all-terrain vehicle registration fees for members of all-terrain vehicle clubs, as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 13155, subsection 5, no later than January 15, 2009. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters may submit legislation related to that report.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect June 30, 2008.

SUMMARY

This bill increases registration fees for ATV registrations from \$33 to \$70 for a resident and from \$68 to \$105 for a nonresident. If a person documents at the time of registration current membership in an eligible ATV club that is in good standing with the Secretary of State and recognized by the Department of Conservation as maintaining ATV trails for the public, the fee is reduced to \$30 for a resident and \$65 for a nonresident. The bill defines "eligible ATV club" to mean a nonprofit organization located in the State established and maintained primarily for purposes involving ATVs and that charges no more than \$20 for an individual membership and \$25 for a family membership. It also directs the Department of Conservation, in conjunction with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2009 their findings and recommendations regarding the implementation and enforcement of the reduced registration fees. The bill has an effective date of June 30, 2008.