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S.P. 117

In Senate, February 10, 2011

### **An Act To Clarify Standards by Which Recreational Vehicles May Be Stopped**

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Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and  
Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BARTLETT of Cumberland, THIBODEAU of Waldo,  
Representatives: CAREY of Lewiston, CRAY of Palmyra, DAVIS of Sangerville, FITTS of  
Pittsfield, McCABE of Skowhegan.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10353, sub-§2, ¶H,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2  
3 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

4 H. ~~Stop~~ If the warden has reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe that a  
5 violation of law has taken place or is taking place, stop and examine any snowmobile  
6 recreational vehicle to ascertain whether it is being operated in compliance with  
7 ~~chapter 937 or any other~~ provision of this Part regulating snowmobiles recreational  
8 vehicles; demand and inspect the operator's certificate of registration; and examine  
9 the identification numbers of the snowmobile recreational vehicle and any marks on  
10 it. For the purposes of this paragraph, "recreational vehicle" means an airmobile,  
11 all-terrain vehicle, personal watercraft, snowmobile or watercraft as those terms are  
12 defined in section 13001; and

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill permits a game warden to stop and question operators of recreational  
15 vehicles only when there is reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe that a violation  
16 of the law has occurred or is occurring.