



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2151

PRINTERS NO. 3046

PRIME SPONSOR: Gabler

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
Snowmobile / ATV Fund	(\$400,000)	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 2151, Printer's Number 3046, amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes providing for vintage snowmobile permits. This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

ANALYSIS: HB 2151 authorizes the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to issue permits for "vintage snowmobiles," which is defined as a snowmobile that is at least 25 years old and is not operated in this Commonwealth except at vintage snowmobile events. Such events are organized rides for owners and operators of permitted vintage snowmobiles and must be open to the public and be publicized as such; take place on a specified date or dates and within a specified start and end time; and take place on a designated trail with a specified beginning and end point.

Operators interested in participating in such events are required to complete and pay for a one-time \$20 vintage snowmobile permit. Once the permit is issued, the permit must be exhibited on demand, is only valid for the person to whom it is issued, and is not transferable. However, the DCNR may suspend or revoke a vintage snowmobile permit upon conviction of the holder of an offense under the provisions of this program.

The department shall also be responsible for maintaining all records and information related to permits, in addition to coordinating with enforcement agencies, for the program.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this bill is projected to generate a one-time payment of \$400,000 for the Snowmobile / ATV program, which would be deposited into its restricted account. This is assuming that 20,000 vintage era snowmobiles would receive this \$20 permit out of the estimated 48,000 vintage era snowmobiles in Pennsylvania. This also does not account for future revenue and costs related to nonresident-owned snowmobiles, which would be eligible for a permit as well.

Given that this is a one-time registration fee, the department will have future operational and administrative costs not covered from this revenue. Some costs will be covered under existing

program operations, but it is expected there will be future information technology updates for database management and coordination with law enforcement. Other costs to the agency will be the maintenance and inspection of forest trails and areas where such vintage snowmobile events are held, which may require the repair of any infrastructure or environmental damage in some cases and are not addressed in the bill.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.