

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 648

PRINTER NO. 1275

AMOUNT

(\$98,000)

\$78,400

\$19,600

FUND

Snowmobile & ATV Regulation Restricted Account

ATV Management Restricted Account

Snowmobile Management Restricted Account

DATE INTRODUCED

April 8, 2015

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Stefano

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 648 amends Chapter 77 (Snowmobiles and All-Terrain Vehicles) of Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by establishing two restricted accounts, the ATV Management restricted account and the Snowmobile Management restricted account, in the State Treasury.

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) shall deposit the following into the appropriate restricted account:

1. All revenue received from the registration of and issuance of certificates of title for snowmobiles and ATVs and from the issuance of vintage snowmobile permits.
2. All revenue from the sale of any publications or services relating to snowmobiles and ATVs.
3. All fines, penalties, fees, and costs assessed and collected as a result of enforcement activities related to ATV and snowmobile violations.
4. All unobligated revenue in the restricted account at the time the bill becomes effective shall be divided into the two restricted accounts based on the current number of active snowmobile and active ATV registrations.
5. All refunds of gas taxes shall be deposited in the two restricted accounts on a proportional basis of the activity that generated those taxes.

With the exception of trails used by both snowmobiles and ATVs, under no circumstances shall DCNR expend any moneys from the accounts except for the activity that generated those accounts.

DCNR shall promulgate implementing regulations that include a semi-annual approval grant process.

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Expands the economic development presence on the Snowmobile and ATV Advisory Committee by adding one member representing the Department of Community and Economic Development and one member from a list of at least three representatives submitted by the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association.

The act takes effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation would distribute the revenue in the current Snowmobile and ATV Regulation restricted account into the ATV Management restricted account and the Snowmobile Management restricted account.

There is approximately \$98,000 available in the Snowmobile and ATV Regulation restricted account to begin FY 2015-16. Proportionally distributing these funds will result in approximately \$78,400 in the ATV Management restricted account and \$19,600 in the Snowmobile Management restricted account.