

Rep. Mike Hanna
Remarks for Tourism Committee on HB 63
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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am here to ask you to support my bill creating a vintage snowmobile permit, House Bill 63.

Last June, we in the House passed my House Bill 1171 by a huge margin, 192-7. The support from the beginning was bipartisan and strong.

But in the Senate, it sat untouched in the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, until it died at the end of the 2009-2010 session.

So I am back again, with an updated version of last session's bill.

I have worked with the Governor, DCNR and other groups in the attempt to draft a bill that would be passed by both chambers and signed into law.

The bill being discussed today is the result of these efforts. House Bill 63 would provide the opportunity for owners of snowmobile models manufactured at least 25 years ago to ride them in special events without requiring the usual expenses of registration and insurance for a machine used on a regular basis.

For a one-time \$10 fee, the snowmobile would be permitted as a “vintage snowmobile.” This special permit would mean the snowmobile could only be used for special events, not daily use, but it would eliminate the standard registration and insurance coverage requirements in exchange.

Adopting this bill would benefit the entire snowmobile industry, by creating excitement and interest in the machines, just like antique auto shows create excitement and interest within the entire auto industry. It also provides the potential for new fundraising ideas for snowmobile clubs.

On behalf of the owners of the more than 40,000 registered snowmobile owners in Pennsylvania, I thank the committee for considering my bill today, and the opportunity to speak to you directly.

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