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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 5, 2011

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, providing  
3 for snowmobile trails.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 7754. Snowmobile trails.

9 (a) Trail maintenance and grooming.--The department shall  
10 give priority to maintaining joint use roads, bridges and trails  
11 used as snowmobile trails in a condition that adheres to best  
12 management practices and maximizes both financial and natural  
13 resources for the benefit of the snowmobiling public.

14 (b) Resources extraction.--Snowmobile trails shall not be  
15 impacted by mineral or other resource extraction without the  
16 department providing alternatives in maintaining the continuity  
17 and connectivity of the trail system so affected.

1 (c) Grooming and plowing.--Any snow plowing done on roads,  
2 bridges or trails which are a part of a designated snowmobile  
3 trail or trail system, must adhere to the following:

4 (1) Joint use roads, bridges and trails shall be  
5 maintained so that snowmobiles are not impeded in their use.

6 (2) When joint use roads, bridges and trails are shared  
7 with vehicular traffic, snow removal shall be done in a  
8 manner that provides the continued snowmobile use.

9 (3) Joint use roads, bridges and trails under the  
10 control of the department shall be groomed during evening and  
11 nighttime hours to maximize safety and surface integrity.

12 (d) Specifications.--The department shall require all  
13 individuals and organizations who have access to State lands  
14 under the department's control for any purpose, or, to gain  
15 access for resource recovery or resource extraction use that  
16 requires the use of snowplows on State forest and State park  
17 roads open to snowmobiling to leave a lane of unplowed snow the  
18 width of no less than five feet. Snowplows shall be equipped  
19 with adequate shoes to protect the road surface and leave a snow  
20 mat of at least three inches.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.