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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, further  
3 providing for registration of snowmobile or ATV, for  
4 certificate of title for snowmobile or ATV, for fees and for  
5 records; and providing for vintage snowmobile permits.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The definition of "snowmobile" in section 7702 of  
9 Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended  
10 and the section is amended by adding definitions to read:

11 § 7702. Definitions.

12 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
13 shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the  
14 meanings given to them in this section:

15 \* \* \*

16 "Snowmobile." An engine-driven vehicle which is all of the  
17 following:

18 (1) Is designed to travel over snow or ice.

- 1 (2) Has an endless belt track or tracks.  
2 (3) Is steered by a ski or skis.  
3 (4) Has an overall width of 48 inches or less.

4 The term does not include a farm tractor, construction  
5 equipment, military vehicle, vehicle with inflatable tires or  
6 machinery used strictly for the grooming of snowmobile trails.  
7 The term includes vintage snowmobiles.

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9 "Vintage snowmobile." A snowmobile that is at least 25 years  
10 old and is not operated in this Commonwealth except at vintage  
11 snowmobile events.

12 "Vintage snowmobile event." A ride or rally intended for the  
13 participation by vintage snowmobiles on a designated trail, on a  
14 specific date and with a specified beginning and end point.

15 Section 2. Section 7706(a)(1) of Title 75 is amended to  
16 read:

17 § 7706. Restricted account.

18 (a) Deposit and use of moneys.--

19 (1) The department shall deposit the following into a  
20 restricted account, which is hereby established:

21 (i) all moneys received from the registration of and  
22 issuance of certificates of title for snowmobiles and  
23 ATV's and from the issuance of vintage snowmobile  
24 permits;

25 (ii) all revenue from the sale of any publications  
26 or services relating to snowmobiles and ATV's; and

27 (iii) all fines, penalties, fees and costs assessed  
28 and collected as a result of enforcement activities  
29 conducted by the department's law enforcement personnel  
30 under this chapter.

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2 Section 3. The heading of Subchapter B of Chapter 77 of  
3 Title 75 is amended to read:

4 SUBCHAPTER B  
5 CERTIFICATES OF TITLE [AND REGISTRATION], REGISTRATION AND  
6 PERMITS

7 Section 4. Section 7711.1(f) of Title 75 is amended by  
8 adding a paragraph to read:

9 § 7711.1. Registration of snowmobile or ATV.

10 \* \* \*

11 (f) Exemptions from registration.--Subsection (a) does not  
12 apply if:

13 \* \* \*

14 (5) The snowmobile is a vintage snowmobile and the owner  
15 thereof carries a valid vintage snowmobile permit.

16 Section 5. Sections 7712.1(g), 7715.2(a) and 7716 of Title  
17 75 are amended to read:

18 § 7712.1. Certificate of title for snowmobile or ATV.

19 \* \* \*

20 (g) Registration without certificate of title prohibited.--  
21 Except as provided in subsection (b), the department shall not  
22 issue a registration certificate or limited registration  
23 certificate for a snowmobile or ATV or a vintage snowmobile  
24 permit for a vintage snowmobile unless a certificate of title  
25 has been issued by the department to the owner or an application  
26 for a certificate of title has been delivered by the owner to  
27 the department.

28 \* \* \*

29 § 7715.2. Fees.

30 (a) Fees.--Except as provided in subsection (b), the

1 department shall collect the following fees:

2 (1) Certificate of title, \$22.50.

3 (2) Expiration sticker, \$20.

4 (2.1) Vintage snowmobile permit, \$10.

5 (3) Dealer registration, \$25.

6 (4) Replacement, due to loss or damage, of registration  
7 certificate, limited registration certificate, registration  
8 decal, registration plate [or], expiration sticker or vintage  
9 snowmobile permit, \$5.

10 (5) Transfer of registration pursuant to section 7711.1  
11 (relating to registration of snowmobile or ATV), \$5.

12 (6) Recording the name of a secured party on a  
13 certificate of title, \$5.

14 \* \* \*

15 § 7716. Records.

16 The department shall maintain a record, which shall be made  
17 available to all enforcement agencies, of:

18 (1) The registration number for each snowmobile and ATV  
19 for which a registration certificate or limited registration  
20 certificate is issued.

21 (2) The name and address of the owner of each snowmobile  
22 and ATV for which a registration certificate or limited  
23 registration certificate is issued.

24 (3) The permit number for each vintage snowmobile for  
25 which a vintage snowmobile permit is issued.

26 (4) The name and address of the owner of each vintage  
27 snowmobile for which a vintage snowmobile permit is issued.

28 Section 6. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

29 § 7718. Vintage snowmobile permits.

30 (a) Issuance of permits.--Upon receipt of an application

1 upon a form prescribed and furnished by the department which  
2 shall contain information required by the department and which  
3 shall be accompanied by the required fee and any other  
4 information the department shall require, the department shall  
5 issue to an owner of a vintage snowmobile a vintage snowmobile  
6 permit containing a permit number.

7 (b) Carrying and exhibiting permit.--Every permit shall, at  
8 all times while the vehicle is being operated, be in the  
9 possession of the person driving or in control of the vehicle or  
10 carried in the vehicle and shall be exhibited on demand of a  
11 police officer or authorized department employee.

12 (c) Not transferable.--A vintage snowmobile permit is not  
13 transferable to a successor owner or to another vehicle. On  
14 transfer of ownership of a vintage snowmobile for which a  
15 vintage snowmobile permit has been issued, the permit shall  
16 become invalid.

17 (d) Suspension or revocation.--The department may suspend or  
18 revoke a vintage snowmobile permit upon conviction of the holder  
19 of an offense under this chapter. A suspended or revoked vintage  
20 snowmobile permit is invalid.

21 Section 7. This act shall take effect in 30 days.