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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER
2, 2011

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:

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

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

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

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

13 ~~"Vintage snowmobile event." A ride or rally intended for the~~ ←
14 ~~participation by vintage snowmobiles on a designated trail, on a~~
15 ~~specific date and with a specified beginning and end point. AN~~ ←
16 ORGANIZED RIDE OR RALLY FOR OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF VINTAGE
17 SNOWMOBILES, FOR WHICH A PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED UNDER SECTION
18 7718(A) (RELATING TO VINTAGE SNOWMOBILE PERMITS) AND CARRIED AND
19 EXHIBITED IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 7718(B) AND WHICH MEETS ALL
20 OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

21 (1) IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PUBLICIZED AS SUCH.

22 (2) IT TAKES PLACE ON A SPECIFIED DATE OR DATES AND
23 WITHIN A SPECIFIED START AND END TIME.

24 (3) IT TAKES PLACE ON A DESIGNATED TRAIL WITH A
25 SPECIFIED BEGINNING AND END POINT.

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

28 § 7706. Restricted account.

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

30 (1) The department shall deposit the following into a

1 restricted account, which is hereby established:

2 (i) all moneys received from the registration of and
3 issuance of certificates of title for snowmobiles and
4 ATV's and from the issuance of vintage snowmobile
5 permits;

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

8 (iii) all fines, penalties, fees and costs assessed
9 and collected as a result of enforcement activities
10 conducted by the department's law enforcement personnel
11 under this chapter.

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

15 SUBCHAPTER B
16 CERTIFICATES OF TITLE [AND REGISTRATION], REGISTRATION AND
17 PERMITS

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

20 § 7711.1. Registration of snowmobile or ATV.

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22 (f) Exemptions from registration.--Subsection (a) does not
23 apply if:

24 * * *

25 (5) The snowmobile is a vintage snowmobile and the owner ←
26 thereof carries a valid vintage snowmobile permit.

27 Section 5. Sections 7712.1(g), 7715.2(a) and 7716 of Title
28 75 are amended to read:

29 § 7712.1. Certificate of title for snowmobile or ATV.

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1 (g) Registration without certificate of title prohibited.--
2 Except as provided in subsection (b), the department shall not
3 issue a registration certificate or limited registration
4 certificate for a snowmobile or ATV or a vintage snowmobile
5 permit for a vintage snowmobile unless a certificate of title
6 has been issued by the department to the owner or an application
7 for a certificate of title has been delivered by the owner to
8 the department.

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10 § 7715.2. Fees.

11 (a) Fees.--Except as provided in subsection (b), the
12 department shall collect the following fees:

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

14 (2) Expiration sticker, \$20.

15 (2.1) Vintage snowmobile permit, \$10.

16 (3) Dealer registration, \$25.

17 (4) Replacement, due to loss or damage, of registration
18 certificate, limited registration certificate, registration
19 decal, registration plate [or], expiration sticker or vintage
20 snowmobile permit, \$5.

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

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

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26 § 7716. Records.

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

29 (1) The registration number for each snowmobile and ATV
30 for which a registration certificate or limited registration

1 certificate is issued.

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

5 (3) The permit number for each vintage snowmobile for
6 which a vintage snowmobile permit is issued.

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

9 Section 6. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:
10 § 7718. Vintage snowmobile permits.

11 (a) Issuance of permits.--Upon receipt of an application
12 upon a form prescribed and furnished by the department which
13 shall contain information required by the department and which
14 shall be accompanied by the required fee and any other
15 information the department shall require, the department shall
16 issue to an owner of a vintage snowmobile a vintage snowmobile
17 permit containing a permit number.

18 (b) Carrying and exhibiting permit.--Every permit shall, at
19 all times while the vehicle is being operated, be in the
20 possession of the person driving or in control of the vehicle or
21 carried in the vehicle and shall be exhibited on demand of a
22 police officer or authorized department employee.

23 (c) Not transferable.--A vintage snowmobile permit is not
24 transferable to a successor owner or to another vehicle. On
25 transfer of ownership of a vintage snowmobile for which a
26 vintage snowmobile permit has been issued, the permit shall
27 become invalid.

28 (d) Suspension or revocation.--The department may suspend or
29 revoke a vintage snowmobile permit upon conviction of the holder
30 of an offense under this chapter. A suspended or revoked vintage

1 snowmobile permit is invalid.

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