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SENATOR M. WHITE, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED, APRIL 2, 2012

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; AND
6 FURTHER PROVIDING FOR OPERATION BY PERSONS UNDER AGE SIXTEEN.



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

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

12 § 7702. Definitions.

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

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

1 following:

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

3 (2) Has an endless belt track or tracks.

4 (3) Is steered by a ski or skis.

5 (4) Has an overall width of 48 inches or less.

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

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

14 "Vintage snowmobile event." An organized ride or rally for
15 owners and operators of vintage snowmobiles, for which a permit
16 has been issued under section 7718(a) (relating to vintage
17 snowmobile permits) and carried and exhibited in compliance with
18 section 7718(b) and which meets all of the following conditions:

19 (1) It is open to the public and publicized as such.

20 (2) It takes place on a specified date or dates and
21 within a specified start and end time.

22 (3) It takes place on a designated trail with a
23 specified beginning and end point.

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

26 § 7706. Restricted account.

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

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

30 (i) all moneys received from the registration of and

1 issuance of certificates of title for snowmobiles and
2 ATV's and from the issuance of vintage snowmobile
3 permits;

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

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

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

13 SUBCHAPTER B
14 CERTIFICATES OF TITLE [AND REGISTRATION], REGISTRATION AND
15 PERMITS

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

18 § 7711.1. Registration of snowmobile or ATV.

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20 (f) Exemptions from registration.--Subsection (a) does not
21 apply if:

22 * * *

23 (5) The snowmobile is a vintage snowmobile.

24 Section 5. Sections 7712.1(g), 7715.2(a) and 7716 of Title
25 75 are amended to read:

26 § 7712.1. Certificate of title for snowmobile or ATV.

27 * * *

28 (g) Registration without certificate of title prohibited.--
29 Except as provided in subsection (b), the department shall not
30 issue a registration certificate or limited registration

1 certificate for a snowmobile or ATV or a vintage snowmobile
2 permit for a vintage snowmobile unless a certificate of title
3 has been issued by the department to the owner or an application
4 for a certificate of title has been delivered by the owner to
5 the department.

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7 § 7715.2. Fees.

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

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

11 (2) Expiration sticker, \$20.

12 (2.1) Vintage snowmobile permit, \$20.

13 (3) Dealer registration, \$25.

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

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

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

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23 § 7716. Records.

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

26 (1) The registration number for each snowmobile and ATV
27 for which a registration certificate or limited registration
28 certificate is issued.

29 (2) The name and address of the owner of each snowmobile
30 and ATV for which a registration certificate or limited

1 registration certificate is issued.

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

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

6 Section 6. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:
7 § 7718. Vintage snowmobile permits.

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

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

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

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

29 SECTION 7. SECTION 7725(H) OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED TO READ:
30 § 7725. OPERATION BY PERSONS UNDER AGE SIXTEEN.



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2 (H) SNOWMOBILE AND ATV SAFETY PROGRAM.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
3 IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE SNOWMOBILE AND ATV INFORMATION, SAFETY
4 EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE
5 PREPARATION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION AND SAFETY ADVICE
6 TO THE PUBLIC AND TRAINING OF OPERATORS. THE PROGRAM SHALL
7 PROVIDE FOR THE TRAINING OF YOUTHFUL OPERATORS AND OTHERS WHO
8 WISH TO RECEIVE TRAINING. IT SHALL ALSO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE
9 OF SNOWMOBILE OR ATV SAFETY CERTIFICATES TO THOSE WHO
10 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE TRAINING PROVIDED UNDER THE PROGRAM.

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12 Section 7 8. This act shall take effect in ~~60~~ 120 days.

