
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SANKEY, HANNA, STERN, BAKER, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER,
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HARKINS, KORTZ, LUCAS, MAHONEY, OBERLANDER AND SONNEY,
DECEMBER 12, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, DECEMBER 12, 2013

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.