

SENATE BILL No. 660

September 20, 1995, Introduced by Senators NORTH, KOIVISTO and MC MANUS and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

A bill to amend section 82118 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, entitled

"Natural resources and environmental protection act," as added by Act No. 58 of the Public Acts of 1995, being section 324.82118 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Section 1. Section 82118 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts
- 2 of 1994, as added by Act No. 58 of the Public Acts of 1995, being
- 3 section 324.82118 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to
- 4 read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 82118. (1) In addition to registration of a snowmobile
- 6 pursuant to section 82105 or registration in another state or
- 7 province, beginning October 1, 1994, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED
- 8 IN THIS SECTION, a person who desires to operate a snowmobile in
- 9 this state shall purchase a Michigan snowmobile trail permit

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- 1 sticker. The Michigan snowmobile trail permit issued under this
- 2 section shall be valid for a period of 1 year which begins on
- 3 October 1 and ends on the following September 30. The fee for
- 4 the permit is \$10.00. Fifty cents of the fee shall be retained
- 5 by the department for administrative costs. Fifty cents of the
- 6 fee shall be retained by the agent selling the permit. Nine dol-
- 7 lars of the fee shall be credited to the recreational snowmobile
- 8 trail improvement fund created in section 82110.
- 9 (2) The trail permit sticker shall be permanently affixed to
- 10 the forward half of the snowmobile.
- 11 (3) The department may contract with a person to act as an
- 12 agent of the department of state for the purpose of issuing
- 13 Michigan snowmobile trail permits. The department of state shall
- 14 sell the permits to agents in bulk. Agents may obtain a refund
- 15 from the department for any permits that are not sold.
- (4) An agent who uses or allows the use of a permit by
- 17 anyone except the snowmobile user to whom the permit is sold is
- 18 guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$50.00 for each
- 19 instance of such use or allowed use.
- 20 (5) The department of state may suspend a certificate of
- 21 registration when the department of state determines that the
- 22 required fee has not been paid and remains unpaid after reason-
- 23 able notice or demand. In addition to the required fee, a \$10.00
- 24 penalty shall be assessed and collected against any person who
- 25 tenders an insufficient check or draft in payment of the fee.
- 26 (6) A SNOWMOBILE NOT OPERATED ON THE STATEWIDE RECREATIONAL
- 27 SNOWMOBILE TRAIL SYSTEM BUT USED SOLELY FOR TRANSPORTATION ON THE

- 1 FROZEN SURFACE OF PUBLIC WATERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ICE FISHING IS
- 2 EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF PURCHASING A SNOWMOBILE TRAIL
- 3 PERMIT STICKER UNDER THIS SECTION.
- (7) -(6) A person who fails to secure a permit under this
- 5 section is responsible for a civil infraction and subject to a
- 6 fine of \$50.00 plus court costs.