

**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 273**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending sections 82105, 82106, and 82113 (MCL 324.82105,
324.82106, and 324.82113), sections 82105 and 82106 as added by
1995 PA 58 and section 82113 as amended by 1997 PA 102.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 82105. (1) The owner of each snowmobile requiring reg-
2 istration by this state before operation of the snowmobile in
3 this state shall file an application for registration with the
4 department of state on forms provided by the department of
5 state. If the snowmobile was purchased from a retail dealer in
6 this state, application for initial registration shall be made
7 with the dealer at the point of sale. The dealer shall issue a
8 temporary registration permit in a form received from and
9 approved by the department of state that is valid for 15 days

1 after the date of sale. Each retail dealer shall submit
2 registrations and fees to the department of state not less than
3 once each week. The application shall be signed by the owner of
4 the snowmobile and shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~-\$15.00-~~
5 \$22.00. Upon receipt of the application in approved form, the
6 department of state shall enter the application upon its records
7 and issue to the applicant a certificate of registration and
8 decal. The certificate of registration shall contain the number
9 awarded to the snowmobile, the name and address of the owner, and
10 other information the department of state considers necessary.
11 The certificate of registration shall be pocket-size, shall
12 accompany the vehicle, shall be legible, and shall be made avail-
13 able for inspection upon demand by a peace officer.

14 (2) The owner of a snowmobile at the time application for a
15 certificate of registration is made shall pay a fee of ~~-\$15.00-~~
16 \$22.00 and be issued a certificate of registration and a regis-
17 tration decal. The certificate of registration and registration
18 decal authorizes the operation of the snowmobile for a 3-year
19 period that begins on October 1 and expires on September 30 of
20 the third year. The certificate of registration and registration
21 decal may be renewed by payment of a fee of ~~-\$15.00-~~ \$22.00
22 beginning July 1 of the expiration year. The registration decal
23 shall be displayed as prescribed by rule promulgated by the
24 department of state.

25 (3) The department of state may destroy a record of a cer-
26 tificate of registration 5 years after expiration of the
27 certificate.

1 Sec. 82106. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this part,
2 ~~-\$10.00-~~ \$17.00 of the revenue received from the registration fee
3 under this part shall be deposited in the snowmobile registration
4 fee fund. From the revenues deposited in the snowmobile regis-
5 tration fee fund under this part, the legislature shall make an
6 annual appropriation of not more than \$3.00 from each registra-
7 tion fee collected during each fiscal year to the department of
8 state for administration of the registration provisions of this
9 part and an annual appropriation to the department of not less
10 than ~~-\$7.00-~~ \$14.00 from each registration fee collected during
11 each fiscal year for purposes set forth in section 82107, \$2.00
12 of which shall be used for the state financial assistance program
13 for counties described in section 82107 AND \$7.00 OF WHICH SHALL
14 BE USED TO PROVIDE TRAIL ENFORCEMENT GRANTS TO COUNTIES OR OTHER
15 LOCAL GROUPS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THIS PART. Any money not
16 required for administration of the registration provisions of
17 this part shall be credited each year to the recreational snowmo-
18 bile trail improvement fund. Five dollars from each registration
19 fee collected during each fiscal year shall be deposited in the
20 recreational snowmobile trail improvement fund and shall be
21 administered by the department for the purposes of planning, con-
22 struction, maintenance, and acquisition of trails and areas for
23 the use of snowmobiles, or access to those trails and areas, and
24 basic snowmobile facilities. Consideration shall be given in
25 planning the expenditures of the funds to providing recreational
26 opportunities for bicyclists, hikers, equestrians, and other

1 nonconflicting recreational trail users as ancillary benefits of
2 the program.

3 (2) The department shall designate a state recreational
4 trail coordinator and shall maintain a comprehensive plan for
5 implementing a statewide recreational and snowmobile trails
6 system. The comprehensive plan shall be reviewed and updated
7 each year by the department.

8 (3) The money appropriated under this section to the depart-
9 ment for snowmobile trails and areas, for access to those trails
10 or areas, and for basic snowmobile facilities may be expended for
11 the acquisition, development, and maintenance on any land in the
12 state. The money may be used to purchase lands or secure ease-
13 ments, leases, permits, or other appropriate agreements permit-
14 ting use of private property for snowmobile trails, basic facili-
15 ties, and areas which may be used by bicyclists, hikers, eques-
16 trians, and other nonconflicting off-season recreational trail
17 users, if the easements, leases, permits, or other agreements
18 provide public access to the trail, use areas, and support
19 facilities.

20 (4) Recreational trail facilities or major improvements
21 shall not be constructed on private land unless a written agree-
22 ment in the form of an easement, lease, or permit for a public
23 trail right-of-way having a term of not less than 5 years is made
24 between the owner of the land and the department.

25 (5) The money shall be expended in a manner and as part of
26 the overall plan of the department for an interconnecting network
27 of statewide snowmobile trails and use areas giving consideration

1 to expected snowfall and availability for use with adequate snow
2 cover. Consideration shall be given in the plan for alternative
3 nonconflicting off-season recreational trail uses.

4 Sec. 82113. (1) The owner of a snowmobile having been
5 issued a certificate of registration for the snowmobile shall
6 ~~attach in a permanent manner~~ AFFIX to each side of the forward
7 half of the COWL ABOVE THE FOOTWELL OF THE snowmobile the regis-
8 tration decal assigned to that snowmobile. THE REGISTRATION DECAL
9 SHALL BE NOT MORE THAN 5 INCHES IN LENGTH AND NOT MORE THAN 2-1/2
10 INCHES IN HEIGHT. BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1998, THE REGISTRATION
11 DECAL SHALL INCLUDE THE REGISTRATION EXPIRATION DATE AND THE REG-
12 ISTRATION NUMBER AND SHALL CONTAIN 2 LETTERS AND 4 NUMBERS. THE
13 NUMBERS SHALL CONTRAST SO AS TO BE DISTINCTLY VISIBLE AND
14 LEGIBLE. A NUMBER OTHER THAN THE NUMBER AWARDED TO THE SNOWMO-
15 BILE ON THE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, OR GRANTED RECIPROCITY
16 UNDER THIS PART, SHALL NOT BE ATTACHED OR OTHERWISE DISPLAYED ON
17 THE SNOWMOBILE.

18 (2) Not earlier than 90 days before the expiration date of a
19 certificate, a registration decal or other device may be issued
20 indicating that the certificate of registration is in full force
21 and effect.

22 (3) A certificate of registration shall expire pursuant to
23 section 82105.

24 (4) The department of state may award a certificate of
25 number directly or may authorize a person to act as its agent for
26 the awarding of a certificate of number.

1 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take
2 effect unless House Bill No. 5818 of the 89th Legislature is
3 enacted into law.