

Legislative & Gaming Affairs Committee

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 2:30PM 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY Conference Room 1 Chair: Jean Raymond

Members:

Jack Lawler Bill Peck Mike Smith Mo Wright

- I. Welcome and Attendance
- II. Approval of the minutes of the November 29, 2021 meeting
- III. Appointment of a Vice-Chair
- IV. New York Racing Association Update Jeff Cannizzo, Senior Director of Government Affairs
- V. Saratoga Casino Hotel Update Skip Carlson, Vice President, External Affairs & Signature Service
- VI. Snowmobile Registration Fee Increase Jason Kemper, Planning
- VII. Other Business
- VIII. Adjournment

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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

TO:		Steve Bulger, County Administrator Ridge Harris, Deputy County Administrator Michael Hartnett, County Attorney Therese Connolly, Clerk of the Board
CC:		Jason Kemper, Planning Director Bridget Rider, Deputy Clerk of the Board Matt Rose, Management Analyst Clare Giammusso, County Attorney's Office Audra Hedden, County Administrator's Office Stephanie Hodgson, Director of Finance
FRON	1 :	Administration
DATE	չ։	3/30/2022
RE:		Legislative Update
COM	MIT	TEE: Legislative and Gaming Committee
1.		Resolution Required: YES or NO YES, please complete #2- #10) (If NO, skip to #10 and provide reason for bringing the item)
2.		Budget Amendment needed: YES or yes, budget lines and impact must be provided)
3.		there Amendments to the Compensation Schedule: YES or NO yes, provide details)
4.	Spe	ecific details on what the resolution will authorize:
5.	Doe	es this item require hiring a Vendors/Contractors: YES or V NO
	200	a. Were bids/proposals solicited:
		b. Is the vendor/contractor a sole source:
		c. Commencement date of contract term:d. Termination of contract date:
		d. Termination of contract date:e. Contract renewal and term:
		f. Contact information:
		g. Is the vendor/contractor an LLS, PLLC or partnership:
		h. State of vendor/contractor organization:
		i. Is this a renewal agreement: YES or NO
		j. Vendor/Contractor comment/remarks:



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6.	Is this an annual housekeeping resolution: YES or (If yes, attach the last approved resolution) a. What were the terms of the prior resolution b. Are the terms changing: c. What is the reason for the change in terms:
7.	Is a new position being created: YES or NO a. Effective date b. Salary and grade
8.	Is a new employee being hired: a. Effective date of employment b. Salary and grade c: Appointed position: d. Term:
9.	Is a grant being accepted: \(\begin{aligned} \text{YES} & \text{ or } \begin{aligned} \text{NO} \\ \text{a.} & \text{Source of grant funding:} \\ \text{b.} & \text{Amount of grant:} \\ \text{c.} & \text{Purpose grant will be used for:} \\ \text{d.} & \text{Equipment and/or services being purchased with the grant:} \\ \text{e.} & \text{Time period grant covers:} \end{aligned}
10.	Remarks/Reasoning (Supporting documentation must be attached to this form): Discussion and update from Skip Carlson of the Saratoga Casino and Jeff Cannizzo of NYRA



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FROM	: Jason Kemper, Director of Planning and Economic Development
DATE	: 3/30/22
RE:	Snowmobile Registration Fee Increase
COMN	AITTEE: Legislative and Gaming Committee
1.	Is a Resolution Required: YES or NO (If YES, please complete #2- #10) (If NO, skip to #10 and provide reason for bringing the item)
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	h. State of vendor/contractor organization:



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10. Remarks/Reasoning (Supporting documentation must be attached to this form):

The Saratoga County Association of Snowmobile Clubs has requested that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors support proposed legislation (A7747A/S6711A) dealing with snowmobile registrations in New York State. This legislation is also being supported by the NYS Snowmobile Association. The proposed increase in fee is estimated to generate an additional \$2 million in revenue to the Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund for NYS with a portion of these funds coming back to clubs in Saratoga County. The proposed legislation 1.) raises the registration fee from \$90.00 to \$125.00 for non club members 2.) raises fees for those that belong to a club from \$35.00 to \$55.00 3.) establishes a vintage snowmobile registration (manufactured before 1/1/1980) in the amount of \$10.00 and lastly 4.) changes some of the requirements of the snowmobile grant program. A copy of the support letter as well as the proposed legislation is attached for your review.

Saratoga County Association of Snowmobile Clubs, Inc. PO Box 90 Galway, New York 12074



William B. Cook, President 518-669-7628

March 22, 2022

Saratoga County Board of Supervisors 40 McMasters Street, #1 Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Dear Supervisors,

Recently, in both the NYS Assembly and NYS Senate, legislation was introduced; A7747A/S6711A at the request of the New York State Snowmobile Association and are supported by the snowmobile clubs in Saratoga County. The legislation's intent is to increase the annual snowmobile registration fee, a fee that has not changed since 1995. This legislation when passed will generate an additional \$2 million for the Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund. This legislation is critically important by providing the resources needed to maintain NY's 10,400 miles of trail. Our county's clubs depend on the Trail Fund to support our collective effort to keep snowmobiling safe and a strong contributor to NY's and Saratoga County's economy. Many of our county's towns host the snowmobile trails. They are: Ballston, Charlton, Clifton Park, Corinth, Day, Edinburg, Galway, Greenfield, Hadley, Halfmoon, Malta, Moreau, Northumberland, Providence, Round Lake, Saratoga, Stillwater, and Wilton.

The current registration fee is simply not enough to provide the financial support that our clubs need to be able to afford the equipment, fuel, and administrative support (such as insurance) that our volunteer staffed clubs need to fulfill their mission of producing safe high quality trails. For example our grooming equipment cost about \$100,000 in 1995. Today the same equipment is now easily \$250,000. Obviously, too, the cost of fuel is significantly higher.

Thousands of snowmobile members in this region depend upon the Saratoga County trails to enjoy riding with their friends and family within a reasonable distance from their homes. Our county trails are known as the gateway trails. Through our trail system we connect snowmobilers with trails that can take them to Warren County, Fulton County,

Tugg Hill, and Vermont. This type of outdoor sport and tourism opportunity is an economic engine for our county and region.

We ask that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors support the passage of this much needed legislation, and that the Board of Supervisors contact our county's members of the Assembly and Senate, and if approved in the legislature and then brought before Governor Hochul request that she sign this legislation into law.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

William B. Cook

President

A7747-A Magnarelli Same as S 6711-A KENNEDY

Text Versions: <u>A 7747-A</u>, <u>A 7747</u>

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Vehicle and Traffic Law

TITLE....Relates to fees for snowmobile trail development and maintenance

05/21/21 referred to tourism, parks, arts and sports development

01/05/22 referred to tourism, parks, arts and sports development

02/11/22 amend and recommit to tourism, parks, arts and sports development

02/11/22 print number 7747a

MAGNARELLI, WOERNER, JONES, STIRPE

Amd §2222, V & T L; amd §§21.07 & 27.17, Pks & Rec L

Increases fees for snowmobile trail development and maintenance for residents; adjusts the fee structure for snowmobile registrations for residents and non-residents of New York who do not belong to an organized New York state snowmobile club; imposes a fee of five dollars for each individual and non-resident vintage registration for a snowmobile; provides that five hundred thousand dollars shall be made available for snowmobile trail development and maintenance on state lands; makes related provisions.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

May 21, 2021

Introduced by M. of A. MAGNARELLI -- read once and referred to the

Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development -recommitted to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development in
accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged,
bill

 $$\operatorname{amended}$, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said $\operatorname{commit-}$ tee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to fees for snowmobile

trail development and maintenance

Assembly, do enact as follows:

- $1\,$ Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 2222 of the vehicle and traffic
 - 2 law is amended by adding a new paragraph (f) to read as follows:
- 3 (f) A fee of five dollars for each individual resident and non-resi-
 - 4 <u>dent vintage registration.</u>
- 5 § 2. Subdivision 4-a of section 2222 of the vehicle and traffic law,
- $\,$ 6 as amended by chapter 609 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as
 - 7 follows:
- 8 4-a. Additional fee. $\underline{\text{(a)}}$ In addition to the other fees provided for in
- 9 paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subdivision four of this section the $\$
- 10 commissioner shall, upon application in such cases for the registration
- 11 of a snowmobile or the renewal thereof, collect the annual $\left[\frac{\text{ninety}}{\text{one}}\right]$
- 12 <u>hundred twenty-five</u> dollar fee for residents and [ninety] one hundred
- 13 twenty-five dollar fee for nonresidents and a [thirty-five] fifty-five
- 14 dollar fee for residents and [thirty-five] fifty-five dollar fee for
- $\,$ 15 $\,$ nonresidents who provide proof, at the time of registration, $\,$ that such
- 16 individual is a member of an organized New York state snowmobile club
- $17\,$ that is a member of the New York state snowmobile association or is a
- $18\,$ member of an organized New York state snowmobile club that is a trail
- 19 maintenance entity and a member of the New York state snowmobile associ- $\,$
- 20 ation which are imposed by section 21.07 of the parks, recreation and

[-] is old law to be omitted.

- 1 historic preservation law. In the event that an individual seeking snow-
- $2\,$ mobile club membership is unable, for any reason, to secure such club
- 3 membership, he or she may contact the New York state snowmobile associ- $\,$
- $4\,$ ation, who shall secure such membership for such person. This fee shall
- $\,$ 5 $\,$ also be collected from dealers at the time of original registration and
- $\,$ 6 at the time of each renewal. The commissioner shall effectuate regu-
- $\,$ 7 $\,$ lations regarding what is required as proof of membership in $\,$ an organ-
- 8 ized New York state snowmobile club that is a trail maintenance entity
- $9\,$ and a member of the New York state snowmobile association for the
 - 10 purposes of this subdivision.
- 11 $\,$ (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the commis-
- 12 sioner is hereby authorized and directed to develop and issue to appli-
- 13 cants a special vintage registration for a snowmobile manufactured prior
- 14 to January first, nineteen hundred eighty. Such vintage registration
- 15 <u>shall be identifiable by a vintage registration sticker, have a</u> unique
- registration number and be subject to annual renewal. In addition to the
- 17 <u>fees collected pursuant to paragraph (f) of subdivision four of this</u>
- 18 <u>section, the commissioner shall collect an annual fee of ten dollars</u>
- 19 $\,$ a resident and non-resident applicant who provides proof, at the time $\,$ of
- 20 registration, that such individual is a member of an organized New York
- 21 state snowmobile club that is a member of the New York state snowmobile
- 22 association or is a member of an organized New York state $\underline{\mathtt{snowmobile}}$
- 23 $\,$ club that is a trail maintenance entity and a member of the New York
- 24 <u>state snowmobile association. The commissioner may provide that applica-</u>
- 25 <u>tions for a vintage snowmobile registration and the issuing of a vintage</u>
- 26 snowmobile registration may only be accepted and processed at one or
- $27\,$ more facilities operated by the department either by mail or in person.
- 28 § 3. Section 21.07 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation

- $29\,$ law, as amended by chapter 609 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read
 - 30 as follows:
- 31~ § 21.07 Fee for snowmobile trail development and maintenance. 1. A
- 32 fee of $[\frac{\text{ninety}}{\text{ninety}}]$ one hundred twenty-five dollars is hereby imposed upon
- 33 the resident, and $[\frac{\text{ninety}}{\text{ninety}}]$ one hundred twenty-five dollars upon the
- 34 nonresident, owner of a snowmobile for the snowmobile trail development
- 35 and maintenance fund to be paid to the commissioner of motor vehicles
- 36 upon the registration thereof in addition to the registration fee
- $\,$ 37 $\,$ required by the vehicle and traffic law, the payment of which fee hereby
- 38 imposed shall be a condition precedent to such individual resident,
 - 39 individual nonresident or dealer registration.
- 40 2. Notwithstanding the fee as established in subdivision one of this
- 41 section, an individual resident or nonresident registering a snowmobile
- 42 who provides proof at the time of registration, that such individual is
- $43\,$ a member of an organized New York state snowmobile club that is a member
- $44\,$ of the New York state snowmobile association or is a member of an organ-
- $\,$ 45 $\,$ ized $\,$ New $\,$ York state snowmobile club that is a trail maintenance entity
- 46 and a member of the New York state snowmobile association, shall pay
- 47 [$\frac{\text{thirty-five}}{\text{snowmobile}}$] $\frac{\text{fifty-five}}{\text{ollars for each snowmobile}}$ dollars for each snowmobile
- $\,$ 48 trail development and maintenance fund in addition to the registration
- $49\,$ required by the vehicle and traffic law. In the event that an individual
- 50 seeking snowmobile club membership is unable, for any reason, to secure
- 51 such club membership, he or she may contact the New York state snowmo-
 - 52 bile association, who shall secure such membership for such person.
- 53 3. Notwithstanding the fee as established in subdivisions one and two
- 54 of this section, an individual resident or nonresident registering a
- 55 vintage snowmobile who provides proof at the time of registration, $\underline{\text{that}}$
- 56 <u>such individual is a member of an organized New York state</u> <u>snowmobile</u>

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1 $\,$ club that is a member of the New York state snowmobile association or $\underline{\text{is}}$

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- 2 $\,$ a member of an organized New York state snowmobile club that is a trail
- 3 maintenance entity and a member of the New York state snowmobile
- associ-
- 4 ation, shall pay an additional fee of ten dollars for each vintage snow-
- 5 mobile for the snowmobile trail development and maintenance fund
- in
 6 addition to the registration required by the vehicle and traffic law.
- $\frac{{\tt In}}{7}$ the event that an individual seeking snowmobile club membership
- 8 unable, for any reason, to secure such club membership, he or she may
- 9 contact the New York state snowmobile association, who shall secure such
 - 10 membership for such person.
- 11 $\,$ § 4. Subdivisions 3, 4 and 5 of section 27.17 of the parks, recreation
- 12 and historic preservation law, subdivision 3 as amended by section 2 of
- $\,$ 13 $\,$ part G $\,$ of $\,$ chapter $\,$ 82 of the laws of 2002 and subdivisions 4 and 5 $\,$ as
- $14\,$ amended by chapter 88 of the laws of 1988, are amended to read as
 - 15 follows:
- $\,$ 16 $\,$ 3. Every county or, where applicable, any city, town or village within
- $\,$ 17 $\,$ such county, shall be eligible for a grant for the development and main-
- $18\,$ tenance of a system of snowmobile trails and a program with relation
- 19 thereto within its boundaries. Such grants shall be made by the $\operatorname{\mathsf{commis-}}$
- $20\,$ sioner and may constitute up to one hundred percent of the cost of such
- $21\,$ program including expenditures incurred for signs and markers of snowmo-
- 22 bile trails. Any county or, where applicable, any city, town or village
- $23\,$ within such county, applying for such grant shall submit to the commis-
- 24 sioner by September first of each year an [estimate of such expenditures
- 25 $\frac{\text{for the current fiscal year,}}{\text{containing}}$ in such form and containing
- $26\,$ such information as the commissioner may require. No city, town or
- $\,$ 27 village may apply for such grant where the county within which it is
- $28\,$ contained has submitted an application for the same fiscal year. For the
- $29\,$ purpose of this section, "fiscal year" shall mean the period from April
- 30 first through March thirty-first. The commissioner shall review all such

- 31 applications and shall determine the amount of state aid to be allocated
- 32 to each county or, where applicable, any city, town or village within
- 33 such county in accordance with the provisions of subdivision five of
- 34 this section. Of the amount the commissioner determines each county or,
- 35 where applicable, any city, town or village within such county is eligi-
- 36 ble to receive, seventy percent shall be made available for distribution
- $\,$ 37 $\,$ by November first and thirty percent for distribution upon demonstration
- 38 of completion, submitted by June first[$\frac{1}{1}$ of the program] following the
 - 39 project year, or such date as contained in the application.
- 40 4. [Not more than thirty percent] Five hundred thousand dollars of the
- 41 snowmobile trail development and maintenance fund, as determined by the
- 42 commissioner, shall be made available to the commissioner and the
- 43 commissioner of environmental conservation for snowmobile trail develop-
- 44 ment and maintenance on state owned lands; provided, however, that any
- $45\,$ such maintenance and development on forest preserve lands shall be
- $\,$ 46 undertaken in accordance with the master plan for the management of
- $47\,$ state lands pursuant to section eight hundred sixteen of the executive
 - 48 law.
- $\,$ 49 $\,$ 5. The amount of state aid to be allocated to each $\,$ county or, where
- 50 applicable, any city, town or village within such county, shall be drawn
- $51\,$ upon the monies remaining in the snowmobile trail development and main-
- $52\,$ tenance fund after withdrawal pursuant to subdivisions two and $\,$ four of
- 53 this section and shall be determined by the commissioner as hereinafter
- 54 provided. [The commissioner shall determine the percentage proportion
- 55 which the authorized expenditures of each individual county or, where
- 56 $\,$ applicable, any city, town or village within such county shall bear to
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- 1 the total authorized expenditures of all the counties, cities, towns
 or
- 2 **villages for snowmobile trail development and maintenance pursuant**

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3 this section during the fiscal year. Such percentage proportion
shall
        then be applied against the amount received in additional fees
imposed
     5 by section 21.07 of this chapter for registration of snowmobiles
during
       such fiscal year, to the extent only and not exceeding the balance
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       such fund remaining after the payment of expenses as set forth in
this
       section. The amount thus determined shall constitute the maximum
amount
        of state aid to which each county or, where applicable, any city,
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        or village within such county, shall be entitled. The commissioner
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        certify to the comptroller the amount thus determined for each
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county
        or, where applicable, any city, town or village within such county,
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        the amount of state aid to be apportioned to such county or,
where
       applicable, any city, town or village within such county.] The
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        sioner shall estimate an amount not to exceed four million two
hundred
        thousand dollars that is available for state aid, and shall define
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        establish a base rate per mile of trail, which shall constitute the
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        grant to each local sponsor. For the purposes of this section,
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        sponsor shall mean a county engaging and assisting in the
development
            maintenance of a system of snowmobile trails and a program
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with
        relation thereto within its boundaries to encourage safety, tourism
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       utilization, or in the event a county does not undertake such a
program
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        or system of trails, any city, town or village within such county
which
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        undertakes the same. Such state aid shall be provided as described
in
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        subdivision one of this section. The commissioner shall pay over to
the
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        municipal sponsor the thirty percent of the outstanding base grant
upon
        completion of the project. The commissioner, in consultation with
the
        division of budget, may pay expenses in excess of the base grant
when
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        the municipal sponsor can demonstrate that approved expenses
exceeded
        amounts provided for in the combined payments, and additional funds
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- 31 $\,$ available from the snowmobile trail development $\,$ and $\,$ maintenance fund.
- 32 The commissioner shall calculate all expenses submitted in excess of

<u>the</u>

- 33 base grant and may distribute additional aid on a prorated basis to
 - 34 support such expenses.
- \$ 5. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
- 36 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
- 37 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
- $\,$ 38 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made $\,$ and $\,$ completed $\,$
 - 39 on or before such effective date.

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)

BILL NUMBER: A7747A

SPONSOR: Magnarelli

TITLE OF BILL:

An act to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to fees for snowmobile trail development and maintenance

PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:

To adjust the fee structure for snowmobile registrations in relation to funding snowmobile trail development and maintenance.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

Section 1: Amends subdivision 4 of \$ 2222 of the vehicle and traffic law adding new paragraph (f) to add a new five fee for registering a vintage snowmobile (manufactured before 1/1/1980).

Section 2: Amends subdivision 4-a of § 2222 of the vehicle and traffic law to increase fees for the registration of snowmobiles from ninety dollars to one hundred twenty-five dollars for residents of New York that do not belong to an organized New York State snowmobile club, and from ninety dollars to one hundred twenty-five dollars for non-residents

of New York that do not belong to an organized New York State snowmobile club. Additionally, it raises the fee on club

(resident and non-resident) members from thirty-five to fifty-five dollars. Adds a new paragraph (b) to direct the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to create a registration system for vintage snowmobiles (manufactured before 1/1/1980).

Section 2: Amends § 21.07 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law to increase fees for the registration of snowmobiles from ninety dollars to one hundred twenty-five dollars for residents of New York that do not belong to an organized New York State snowmobile club, and from ninety dollars to one hundred twenty-five dollars for nonresidents of New York that do not belong to an organized New York State snowmobile club. Additionally, it raises the fee on club members (resident and non-resident) from thirty-five to fifty-five dollars. These fees go to the Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund. Adds a new subdivision (1) to add a new \$10 fee for registering a vintage snowmobile. These fees go to the Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund.

Section 4: amends section 27.17 of the Parks, and Historic Preservation Law (related to state aid for snowmobile trail development and maintenance) to: Require local governments applying for a snowmobile trail development and maintenance grant to file an application in September rather than an estimate of their expenditures; Require the Department to pay the 30% balance of grants by June of the year following the completion of a project covered by the grant; Caps the amount that the Commissioner of Parks and Commissioner of DEC can use for snowmobile trail development and maintenance at \$500,000

(current law caps this amount at 30% of the total snowmobile trail maintenance and development fund at the discretion of the commissioners); Changes the allocation formula of the snowmobile trail maintenance and development fund, to be capped at \$4.2 million and estimated by the Parks Commissioner available for grants under the program. Requires the Commissioner to establish a pro-rated base rate per mile of trail, which shall be a base grant per local sponsor;

Section 5: Establishes the Effective Date.

JUSTIFICATION:

New York's snowmobile registration fees have remained the same since 2006, when the Snowmobiler's Rights and Responsibilities act enacted. These fees are used for the Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund, which establishes a mechanism for allocating funds to local governmental sponsors that engage in the development and maintenance of snowmobile trails designated as part of the State Snowmobile Trail System. The fund is administered by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, through the Snowmobile Unit. Currently, New York is one of only a few states, and the only state in the Northeast where non-residents pay the same as resident snowmobilers. For example, neighboring Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine all charge more for a nonresident to ride their trails. This legislation would provide an estimated \$2,000,000 in new funding for the Snowmobile Trail

Development and maintenance Fund, which would greatly enhance the winter tourism industry in New York.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

New bill.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

This legislation would have positive fiscal implications for the State and Local Governments as it would boost revenue to the Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund, which would help to increase winter tourism, which in turn brings state and local sales tax revue to governments. It is estimated to add approximately \$2,000,000 to the Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.