

321G.4 Registration fee.

1. The owner of each snowmobile required to be numbered shall register it annually with the department through the county recorder of the county in which the owner resides or, if the owner is a nonresident, the owner shall register it in the county in which the snowmobile is principally used. The department shall develop and maintain an electronic system for the registration of snowmobiles pursuant to this chapter. The department shall establish forms and procedures as necessary for the registration of snowmobiles.
2. The owner of the snowmobile shall file an application for registration with the department through the appropriate county recorder in the manner established by the commission. The application shall be completed and signed by the owner and shall be accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars and a writing fee. A snowmobile shall not be registered by the county recorder until the county recorder is presented with receipts, bills of sale, or other satisfactory evidence that the sales or use tax has been paid for the purchase of the snowmobile or that the owner is exempt from paying the tax. A snowmobile that has an expired registration certificate from another state may be registered in this state upon proper application, payment of all applicable registration and writing fees, and payment of a penalty of five dollars.
3. Upon receipt of the application in approved form accompanied by the required fees, the county recorder shall register the snowmobile with the department and issue to the applicant a registration certificate. The registration certificate shall bear the number awarded to the snowmobile and the name and address of the owner. The registration certificate shall be carried either in the snowmobile or on the person of the operator of the snowmobile when in use. The operator of a snowmobile shall exhibit the registration certificate to a peace officer upon request, to a person injured in an accident involving a snowmobile, to the owner or operator of another snowmobile or the owner of personal or real property when the snowmobile is involved in a collision or accident of any nature with another snowmobile or the property of another person, or to the property owner or tenant when the snowmobile is being operated on private property without permission from the property owner or tenant.
4. If a snowmobile is placed in storage, the owner shall return the current registration certificate to the county recorder with an affidavit stating that the snowmobile is placed in storage and the effective date of storage. The county recorder shall notify the department of each snowmobile placed in storage. When the owner of a stored snowmobile desires to renew the registration, the owner shall make application through the county recorder and pay the registration and writing fees without penalty. A refund of the registration fee shall not be allowed for a stored snowmobile.
5. Notwithstanding subsections 1 and 2, a snowmobile that is more than thirty years old may be registered for a one-time fee of twenty-five dollars, which shall exempt the owner from annual registration and fee requirements for that snowmobile. However, if ownership of such a snowmobile is transferred, the new owner shall register the snowmobile and pay the one-time fee as required under this subsection.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 321G.4; 81 Acts, ch 113, § 3]

86 Acts, ch 1235, § 1; 89 Acts, ch 244, §6; 99 Acts, ch 113, §2; 99 Acts, ch 114, §21; 2003 Acts, ch 44, §60; 2004 Acts, ch 1132, §5, 97; 2005 Acts, ch 138, §3

Footnotes

Writing fees, §321G.27