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HOUSE FILE 513
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 185)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring annual registration of snowmobiles and
2 establishing a fee.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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8 the owner shall register it in the county in which the all-
9 terrain vehicle or snowmobile is principally used. The
10 commission has supervisory responsibility over the
11 registration of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles and shall
12 provide each county recorder with registration forms and
13 certificates and shall allocate identification numbers to each
14 county.

15 The owner of the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile shall
16 file an application for registration with the appropriate
17 county recorder on forms provided by the commission. The
18 application shall be completed and signed by the owner of the
19 all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile and shall be accompanied by
20 a fee of twenty-five dollars for an all-terrain vehicle or
21 fifteen dollars for a snowmobile, and a writing fee. An all-
22 terrain vehicle or a snowmobile shall not be registered by the
23 county recorder until the county recorder is presented with
24 receipts, bills of sale, or other satisfactory evidence that
25 the sales or use tax has been paid for the purchase of the
26 all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile or that the owner is exempt
27 from paying the tax. However, an owner of an all-terrain
28 vehicle, except an all-terrain vehicle purchased new on or
29 after January 1, 1990, may apply for registration without
30 proof of sales or use tax paid until one year after January 1,
31 1990. An all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile that has an
32 expired registration certificate from another state may be
33 registered in this state upon proper application, payment of
34 all applicable registration and writing fees, and payment of a
35 penalty of five dollars for an all-terrain vehicle or two

1 dollars and fifty cents for a snowmobile.

2 Sec. 2. Section 321G.6, Code 2003, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 321G.6 REGISTRATION -- RENEWAL -- TRANSFER.

5 1. Every all-terrain vehicle ~~or-snowmobile~~ registration
6 certificate and number issued expires at midnight December 31,
7 and renewals expire every two years thereafter unless sooner
8 terminated or discontinued in accordance with this chapter.
9 After the first day of September each even-numbered year, an
10 unregistered all-terrain vehicle ~~or-snowmobile-and-renewals~~
11 may be registered or a registration may be renewed for the
12 subsequent biennium beginning January 1. An all-terrain
13 vehicle ~~or-snowmobile~~ registered between January 1 and
14 September 1 of even-numbered years shall be registered for a
15 fee of twelve dollars and fifty cents for the remainder of the
16 registration period.

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23 twenty-five dollars for ~~an-all-terrain-vehicle-and-twenty-five~~
24 ~~dollars-for-a-snowmobile-for~~ the subsequent biennium beginning
25 January 1, and a writing fee.

26 2. Every snowmobile registration certificate and number
27 issued expires at midnight December 31, unless sooner
28 terminated or discontinued in accordance with this chapter.
29 After the first day of September each year, an unregistered
30 snowmobile may be registered or a registration may be renewed
31 for the subsequent year beginning January 1. A snowmobile
32 registered between June 1 and September 1 shall be registered
33 for a fee of seven dollars and fifty cents for the remainder
34 of the registration period.

35 After the first day of September, a snowmobile may be

1 registered for the remainder of the current registration
2 period and for the subsequent registration period in one
3 transaction. The fee shall be two dollars and fifty cents for
4 the remainder of the current period, in addition to the
5 registration fee of fifteen dollars for the subsequent year
6 beginning January 1, and a writing fee.

7 3. Registration certificates and numbers for all-terrain
8 vehicles and snowmobiles may be renewed upon application of
9 the owner in the same manner as provided in securing the
10 original registration. The all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile
11 registration fee is in lieu of personal property tax for each
12 year of the registration.

13 4. An expired all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile
14 registration may be renewed for the same fee as if the owner
15 is securing the original registration plus a penalty of five
16 dollars for an all-terrain vehicle or two dollars and fifty
17 cents for a snowmobile, and a writing fee.

18 ~~All-all-terrain-vehicles-used-on-public-land-must-be~~
19 ~~registered-within-six-months-following-January-17-19907-unless~~
20 ~~otherwise-exempt.~~

21 5. When a person, after registering an all-terrain vehicle
22 or snowmobile, moves from the address shown on the
23 registration certificate, the person shall, within ten days,
24 notify the county recorder in writing of the move and the
25 person's new address.

26 6. Upon the transfer of ownership of an all-terrain
27 vehicle or snowmobile, the owner shall complete the form on
28 the back of the title, if any, and registration, if any, and
29 deliver both to the purchaser or transferee when the all-
30 terrain vehicle or snowmobile is delivered. If the all-
31 terrain vehicle or snowmobile is not titled, the owner shall
32 complete the form on the back of the current registration
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35 vehicle or snowmobile. If the all-terrain vehicle or

1 snowmobile has not been titled and has not been registered,
2 the owner shall deliver an affidavit for an unregistered and
3 untitled all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile to the purchaser or
4 transferee. The purchaser or transferee shall, within thirty
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6 recorder with a fee of one dollar and the writing fee, and a
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11 payment of all applicable fees plus a penalty of five dollars.

12 All registrations must be valid for the current
13 registration period prior to the transfer of any registration,
14 including assignment to a dealer.

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16 therefor to the county recorder and the payment of the same
17 fees collected for the transfer of registrations.

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19 40, paragraph "a", may be registered as an all-terrain vehicle
20 as provided in this section. A motorcycle registered as an
21 all-terrain vehicle may participate in all programs
22 established for all-terrain vehicles under this chapter except
23 for the safety instruction and certification program.

24 Sec. 3. Section 321G.7, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2003,
25 is amended to read as follows:

26 Within ten days after the end of each month, a county
27 recorder shall remit to the commission the all-terrain vehicle
28 and snowmobile fees collected by the recorder during the
29 previous month. Before January 10 of odd-numbered years for
30 all-terrain vehicles and each year for snowmobiles, a recorder
31 shall remit unused license forms from the previous **biennium**
32 registration period to the commission.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill requires annual registration of snowmobiles and
35 establishes a \$15 fee, plus a writing fee, for the

1 registration. Currently, snowmobiles are registered every
2 other year upon payment of a \$25 fee plus a writing fee.

3 The bill amends related Code provisions to correspond to
4 the change to annual registration.

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10 HF 513 – Snowmobile (LSB 1442 HV)
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12 Fiscal Note Version — New

13 **Description**

14 House File 513 changes the registration of a snowmobile as follows:

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- 16 • Creates an annual \$15.00 registration fee for snowmobiles that replaces the biennial
 - 17 \$25.00 registration fee.
 - 18 • Changes the fine for a late snowmobile registration from \$5.00 every two years to \$2.50
 - 19 • Increases the writing fee from \$1.00 to \$1.25 for the county recorders.

20 **Assumptions**

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- 22 1. There are approximately 35,000 snowmobiles requiring registration in Iowa.
 - 23 2. Gross receipts under current snowmobile law would generate \$572,000 in revenue for
 - 24 FY 2004 and \$155,000 in FY 2005.
 - 25 3. Gross receipts under the proposed law would generate \$525,000 in revenue annually.
 - 26 4. Operating expenditures would remain the same under the proposed law. Equipment or
 - 27 capital expenditures would vary, depending on revenue collected.

28 **Fiscal Impact**

29 The estimated fiscal impact of HF 513 is a decrease in revenue to the Snowmobile Registration
30 Fee account of \$46,000 for FY 2004 and an increase of \$370,000 for FY 2005. Additional
31 moneys associated with increases in writing fees are expected to be minimal.

32 **Source**

33 Department of Natural Resources

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