

**House Study Bill 76 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON RAYHONS)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to snowmobile registration and permit fees.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321G.4, subsection 2, Code 2011, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. The owner of the snowmobile shall file an application  
4 for registration with the department through a county recorder  
5 in the manner established by the commission. The application  
6 shall be completed by the owner and shall be accompanied by a  
7 fee of ~~fifteen~~ thirty dollars and a writing fee as provided  
8 in section 321G.27. A snowmobile shall not be registered by  
9 the county recorder until the county recorder is presented  
10 with receipts, bills of sale, or other satisfactory evidence  
11 that the sales or use tax has been paid for the purchase of  
12 the snowmobile or that the owner is exempt from paying the  
13 tax. A snowmobile that has an expired registration certificate  
14 from another state may be registered in this state upon proper  
15 application, payment of all applicable registration and writing  
16 fees, and payment of a penalty of five dollars.

17 Sec. 2. Section 321G.4A, subsection 2, Code 2011, is amended  
18 to read as follows:

19 2. A county recorder or a license agent designated by the  
20 director pursuant to section 483A.11 may issue user permits.  
21 The fee for a user permit shall be ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five dollars  
22 plus an administrative fee established by the commission. A  
23 county recorder or a license agent shall retain a writing  
24 fee from the sale of each user permit as provided in section  
25 321G.27.

26 Sec. 3. Section 321G.6, subsections 1 and 4, Code 2011, are  
27 amended to read as follows:

28 1. Every snowmobile registration certificate and  
29 registration decal issued expires at midnight December 31  
30 unless sooner terminated or discontinued in accordance with  
31 this chapter or rules of the commission. After the first  
32 day of September each year, an unregistered snowmobile  
33 may be registered and a registration may be renewed in one  
34 transaction. The fee is five dollars for the remainder of the  
35 current year, in addition to the registration fee of ~~fifteen~~

1 thirty dollars for the subsequent year beginning January 1, and  
2 a writing fee as provided in section 321G.27.

3 4. A county recorder or a license agent designated by the  
4 director pursuant to section 483A.11 may issue snowmobile  
5 registration renewals electronically pursuant to rules adopted  
6 by the commission. The fee for a registration renewal issued  
7 using an electronic system is ~~fifteen~~ thirty dollars plus an  
8 administrative fee established by the commission and a writing  
9 fee as provided in section 321G.27.

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EXPLANATION

11 This bill increases the annual fee for registration of  
12 a snowmobile from \$15 to \$30. In addition, the fee for a  
13 nonresident user permit is increased from \$15 to \$25.

14 Pursuant to current law, snowmobile registration fees  
15 and permit fees are deposited in a special snowmobile fund  
16 and appropriated to the department of natural resources for  
17 snowmobile programs, with at least 50 percent of the moneys  
18 available for political subdivisions and incorporated private  
19 organizations.

20 Every snowmobile operated on public land or ice in the state  
21 is required to be registered annually with the department,  
22 except snowmobiles owned and used by the United States,  
23 another state, or a political subdivision of another state  
24 and snowmobiles used exclusively as farm implements. State  
25 agencies and political subdivisions of this state are exempt  
26 from payment of the annual registration fee.