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AN ACT

RELATING TO SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATIONS AND NONRESIDENT USER
PERMITS, PROVIDING FEES, AND MAKING PENALTIES APPLICABLE.

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

Section 1. Section 321G.2, subsection 1, paragraph h, Code
2024, is amended to read as follows:

h. Issuance of ~~annual~~ nonresident user permits and
establishment of administrative fees for issuance of the
permits.

Sec. 2. Section 321G.3, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

321G.3 Registration and ~~user permit~~ required for residents — penalties.

1. Each snowmobile used by a resident on public land, public ice, or a designated snowmobile trail of this state shall be currently registered in this state pursuant to [section 321G.4](#). A resident shall not operate, maintain, or give permission for the operation or maintenance of a snowmobile on public land, public ice, or a designated snowmobile trail unless the snowmobile is registered in accordance with [this chapter](#). ~~The owner of a snowmobile must also obtain a user permit in accordance with [section 321G.4A](#).~~

2. A violation of [subsection 1](#) is punishable as a scheduled violation under [section 805.8B, subsection 2, paragraph "a"](#). ~~When the scheduled fine is paid, the~~ The violator shall submit proof to the department that a valid registration and ~~user permit~~ has been obtained by providing a copy of the registration and ~~user permit~~ to the department within thirty days of the date the fine is paid. A person who violates [this subsection](#) is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 3. Section 321G.4, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

a. The owner of the snowmobile shall file an application for registration with the department through the county recorder of the county of residence in the manner established by the commission. The application shall be completed by the owner and shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~fifteen~~ thirty dollars and a writing fee ~~as provided~~ in accordance with [section 321G.27](#). 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.

Sec. 4. Section 321G.4B, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

321G.4B Nonresident requirements — fees — penalties.

1. A nonresident wishing to operate a snowmobile on public land, public ice, or a designated snowmobile trail of this state shall obtain a nonresident user permit in accordance with ~~section 321G.4A~~ from the department. A nonresident user permit issued by the department is only valid for use on one snowmobile, is not transferable, and is valid for the calendar year, unless a different time period is specified in the permit. In addition to obtaining a nonresident user permit, a nonresident shall display a current registration decal or other evidence of registration or numbering required by the owner's state of residence unless the owner resides in a state that does not register or number snowmobiles.

2. A violation of subsection 1 is punishable as a scheduled violation under section 805.8B, subsection 2, paragraph "a". ~~When the scheduled fine is paid, the~~ The violator shall submit proof to the department that a nonresident user permit has been obtained and provide evidence of registration or numbering as required by the owner's state of residence, if applicable, to the department within thirty days of the date the fine is paid. A person who violates this ~~section~~ subsection is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

3. A county recorder or a license agent designated by the director pursuant to section 483A.11 may issue nonresident user permits. The fee for a nonresident user permit is fifteen dollars plus an administrative fee established by the commission. A county recorder or a license agent shall retain a writing fee from the sale of each nonresident user permit in accordance with section 321G.27.

Sec. 5. Section 321G.5, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

321G.5 Display of registration and nonresident user permit decals.

The owner of a snowmobile shall display the registration decal and, if applicable, the nonresident user permit decal on the snowmobile in the manner prescribed by the rules of the commission.

Sec. 6. Section 321G.6, subsections 1 and 4, Code 2024, are amended to read as follows:

1. Every snowmobile registration certificate and registration decal issued expires at midnight December 31 unless sooner terminated or discontinued in accordance with this chapter or rules of the commission. After the first day of September each year, an unregistered snowmobile may be registered and a registration may be renewed, as applicable, in one transaction. The fee is five dollars for the remainder of the current year, in addition to the registration fee of ~~fifteen~~ thirty dollars for the subsequent year beginning January 1, and a writing fee as provided in [section 321G.27](#).

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

Sec. 7. Section 321G.7, subsection 2, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

2. The department shall remit the fees, including nonresident user permit fees collected pursuant to section ~~321G.4A~~ 321G.4B, to the treasurer of state, who shall place the money in a special snowmobile fund. The money is appropriated to the department for the snowmobile programs of the state. The programs ~~shall~~ must include grants, subgrants, contracts, or cost-sharing of snowmobile programs with political subdivisions or incorporated private organizations or both, which may include the purchase, ownership, and maintenance of trail grooming equipment, in accordance with rules adopted by the commission. Snowmobile fees may be used to support snowmobile programs on a usage basis. At least seventy percent of the special fund shall be available for political subdivisions or incorporated private organizations, or both. Moneys from the special fund not used by the political subdivisions or incorporated private organizations, or both, shall remain in the fund and may be used by the department for the administration of the snowmobile programs. Notwithstanding

section 8.33, moneys in the special fund shall not revert to the general fund of the state at the end of a fiscal year. Notwithstanding [section 12C.7, subsection 2](#), interest or earnings on moneys in the special fund shall remain in the fund.

Sec. 8. Section 321G.8, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

Registration and nonresident user permits shall not be required for the following described snowmobiles:

Sec. 9. Section 321G.27, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

b. A license agent shall retain a writing fee of one dollar from the sale of each nonresident user permit issued by the license agent.

Sec. 10. Section 321G.34, subsection 5, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

5. *a.* Upon the conviction of a person of any violation of this chapter or a rule adopted under [this chapter](#), the court, as a part of the judgment, may suspend or revoke one or more snowmobile registration or nonresident user permit privileges, as applicable, of the person for any definite period.

b. The court shall revoke all of the person's snowmobile registrations or nonresident user permits, as applicable, and suspend the privilege of procuring a registration or nonresident user permit for a period of one year for any person who has been convicted twice within one year of trespassing while operating a snowmobile. A person shall not be issued a registration or nonresident user permit during the period of suspension or revocation.

Sec. 11. Section 331.602, subsection 16, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

16. Issue snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle registrations and user permits as provided in [sections 321G.4, ~~321G.4A~~ 321G.4B, 321G.6, 321G.21, 321I.4, 321I.5, 321I.7, and 321I.22.](#)

Sec. 12. Section 331.605, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

d. For the issuance of snowmobile registrations and nonresident user permits, the fees specified in [sections 321G.4 and ~~321G.4A~~ 321G.4B.](#)

Sec. 13. Section 805.8B, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

a. For registration or nonresident user permit violations under [section 321G.3, subsection 1](#), or [section 321G.4B](#), the scheduled fine is sixty-five dollars.

Sec. 14. REPEAL. Section 321G.4A, Code 2024, is repealed.

AMY SINCLAIR
President of the Senate

PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2423, Ninetieth General Assembly.

W. CHARLES SMITHSON
Secretary of the Senate

Approved _____, 2024

KIM REYNOLDS
Governor