

**TESTIMONY OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND  
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
IN OPPOSITION to L.D. 467**

**An Act to Increase Agent Fees for Registration of  
Certain Recreational Vehicles**

**SPONSORED BY: Representative CASSAVANT of Biddeford**

**CO-SPONSORED BY: Representative CHIPMAN of Portland  
Representative DeCHANT of Bath  
Senator DUTREMBLE of York  
Representative HARLOW of Portland  
Representative ROCHELO of Biddeford**

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Good afternoon Senator Dutremble, Representative Shaw and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. I am Bill Swan, Director of the Licensing Division at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, speaking in opposition to **L.D. 467**.

L.D. 467 would increase the boat, snowmobile, and ATV registration service fees that may be assessed, collected, and retained by agents. The service fee for the renewal of a registration would be increased from \$1 up to \$3. The service fee for a new registration would be increased from \$2 up to \$4. The Department appreciates the valuable service that registration agents provide. However, a change of this nature does not distinguish between registration fees and agent fees. Therefore, this will have the impact of a fee increase and will negatively impact our customers.

L.D. 467 also proposes to authorize an additional \$1 service fee for applicants registering a boat, snowmobile, or ATV in a municipality other than the one they live in. There are many towns that will register these types of vehicles for applicants who do not live in their town and this is a valuable service for the Department and for the people recreating in Maine (both residents and non-residents). However, this provision of the proposed legislation would further complicate the registration process and we therefore oppose it.

I would be happy to answer any questions at this time or during the work session.