

**TESTIMONY OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND  
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

**In Opposition to L.D. 1252**

**“An Act Regarding Snowmobile Registration Fees”**

**SPONSORED BY: Representative HEAD of Bethel**

CO-SPONSORED BY: Senator HAMPER of Oxford  
Representative DOLLOFF of Rumford  
Representative HANINGTON of Lincoln  
Representative PERKINS of Oakland  
Representative PRESCOTT of Waterboro

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Good morning Senator Dill, Representative Nadeau and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. I am Bill Swan, Director of Licensing and Registration at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, speaking on behalf of the Department, in opposition to **L.D. 1252**.

L.D. 1252 would require an annual additional \$30 snowmobile registration fee unless the registrant can show proof of membership in a snowmobile club in the State. It also specifies that for a resident family residing in the same household that the additional fee is \$30 for up to 4 snowmobiles.

The Department feels that this proposal would impose a significant administrative burden on the Department and on our snowmobile registration agents. It would also make things more complicated for our customers wishing to register their snowmobiles. It would be essentially impossible for our agents to determine if a club membership card presented to them at the time of registration, was legitimate or not. In addition, all online snowmobile registrations would have to rely on the honor system as to whether a customer was a club member or not. Currently, 24% of all snowmobile registrations are done online and this percentage is growing each year. If there is a desire to increase the registration fees for snowmobiles, the Department would encourage the Committee to keep it simple and keep the issue of snowmobile club membership out of the registration process.

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